

Memorandum of Understanding Between
the National Cancer Institute of the United States and
the Cancer Control Department of the Ministry of Health, Turkey

The National Cancer Institute (NCI), a component of the National Institutes of Health and an agency of the United States Government, is an institution with a mission to support programs involved in the diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of cancer. The Early Detection Research Network (EDRN) is a program within the NCI with a goal of establishing validated cancer biomarkers that are ready for large-scale clinical testing to improve cancer diagnosis and treatment.

The Cancer Control Department of the Ministry of Health (CCD MoH), a component of the government of Turkey, is focused on the elimination and eradication of mesothelioma related with natural sources of asbestos and erionite.

The NCI and the CCD MoH:

- share a common desire to further cooperation and partnership in the field of cancer biomarker development and validation, and
- acknowledge the importance of international cooperation to advancing cancer research.

Therefore, the NCI and the CCD MoH wish to collaborate towards a common goal of cancer biomarker development and validation with an aim to assist health care systems globally in achieving their full potential through exchanges of knowledge, technology, and other activities.

Under this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), the NCI and the CCD MoH intend to:

- establish a framework for cooperation between the participants to this MOU
- identify joint opportunities and projects designed to improve cancer diagnosis, prognosis, and treatment
- support cooperative activities in accordance with the laws and regulations of the United States and Turkey and subject to the availability of funds, and
- communicate with one another regarding the progress of any activities under this MOU.

NCI and CCD MoH each acknowledge the importance of the protection of human subjects in any research, public health or medical program. The United States and Turkey have each adopted laws and regulations on the protection of human subjects involved in research. It is intended that any research activities pursuant to this MOU are to comply with all applicable laws and regulations of the United States and Turkey.

Activities pursuant to this MOU may commence on the date of the last signature and may continue for three years, unless this MOU is modified or discontinued.

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On behalf of the NCI

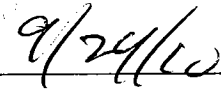


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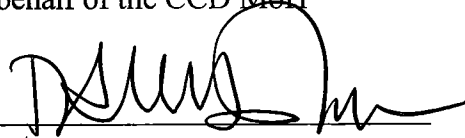
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