



THE SOCIETY OF OBSTETRICIANS
AND GYNAECOLOGISTS OF CANADA
LA SOCIÉTÉ DES OBSTÉTRICIENS
ET GYNÉCOLOGUES DU CANADA



The Royal Australian
and New Zealand
College of Obstetricians
and Gynaecologists
Excellence in Women's Health

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

THE SOCIETY OF OBSTETRICIANS & GYNAECOLOGISTS OF CANADA (SOGC)

Herein referred as "SOGC", with its head office located at 2781 Lancaster Road, Suite 200,
Ottawa, CANADA, represented herein by the

President, Dr B Anthony Armson MD, MSC, FRCSC

AND

**THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND
GYNAECOLOGISTS (RANZCOG)**

Herein referred as "RANZCOG" with its head office located at 254-260 Albert Street, East
Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, represented herein by the

President, Dr Vijay Roach FRANZCOG

with SOGC and RANZCOG, hereinafter separately referred to as a "Party" or mutually referred
to as the "Parties".

PREAMBLE

SOGC and RANZCOG hereby agree to encourage and promote academic cooperation and
exchange between the two respective organisations. The scope and procedural details of the
MOU are delineated below:

IT IS HEREBY AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE 1 - OBJECTIVE

The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and the Society
of Obstetricians and Gynecologists of Canada, share a common mission of advancing women's
health, and promoting excellence in the practice of obstetrics and gynecology. We share a

commitment to health equity within our countries and globally. As such we are committing to collaborate and work together where appropriate in support of these shared mission, and values.

The objective of this MOU is to commit both Parties to a partnership, by working together on matters of common concern, thus furthering their joint interest through collaboration in the areas of research, education and faculty development.

ARTICLE 2 - SCOPE OF CO-OPERATION

The Parties agree to encourage and promote the following activities in the area of Education and Training in Obstetrics and Gynaecology, such as:

- a) Administrative collaboration and participation through committees, working groups, and organizational review capitalizing on shared expertise and problem solving
- b) Sharing or co-development of teaching resources, presentations, symposia content and curricula
- c) Encouraging and enabling trainee and post-graduate interactions through joint meetings, on-site activity, exchange or observation opportunities
- d) Joint Best Practice Guidelines on important international topics in Obstetrics and Gynecology through SOGC and RANZCOG Committee processes
- e) Discussion related to the Journals for each group and the role to enhance and promote both publication opportunities and access
- f) Research development and collaboration: ethics, production, funding guidance, and implementation
- g) Discussion related to areas of mutual concern such as indigenous women's health, teratogenic implications of drugs in pregnancy, including research opportunities, policy or best practice
- h) Any other areas or activities deemed to have appropriate mutual consent and value

ARTICLE 3 - DURATION

This MOU is valid for a period of 3 (three) years and will enter into effect from the date of signing by the Parties. The operation of this MOU may be extended by mutual consent for such period(s) that may be considered desirable by the Parties, which period shall be set out in writing in letters of exchange signed by both Parties.

ARTICLE 4 - FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

The Parties agree that any specific project that arises from this MOU will need to be incorporated into a specific Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) and financial arrangements will have to be negotiated and agreed upon. Specific details for the implementation of activities will be developed mutually for each activity or project.

ARTICLE 5 - LEGAL EFFECT

The Parties acknowledge that this MOU does not create legal obligation between the Parties and is not legally enforceable, but that it does not diminish the intention of the Parties to comply with the terms, conditions, responsibilities and undertakings stipulated in this MOU. Nothing in this MoU creates a partnership or joint venture between the Parties and does not authorise either Party to act as ' the representative or agent of the other Party.

ARTICLE 6 -TERMINATION

Either Party may terminate this MOU upon giving to the other party 6 (six) months' notice in writing of its intention to do so. In the event of termination, both Parties agree to protect the interests of staff and students currently participating in collaborative programs or initiatives and to provide all the support necessary to enable them to conclude those initiatives successfully.

ARTICLE 7 - SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

Any dispute arising out of the interpretation and/or implementation of this MOU shall be settled amicably in good faith through consultation or negotiation between the Parties without reference to any third party or any international tribunal.

ARTICLE 8 - CONFIDENTIALITY & INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

The Parties shall not disclose or distribute any confidential information, documents, data received or supplied to the other in the course of the implementation of this MOU to any third party except as authorised in writing to do so by the disclosing party. The Parties further agree to recognise each other's intellectual property rights in relation to the performance of the responsibilities of each party under this MOU.

ARTICLE 9 - FORCE MAJEURE

Neither Party shall be held responsible for non-fulfillment of their respective obligations under this MOU due to exigency of one or more of the force majeure events such as, but not limited to, act of God, war, flood, earthquake, strikes, lockouts, epidemics, riots, civil commotion, etc., provided on the occurrence and cessation of any such events, the Party affected thereby shall give notice in writing to the other Party within 1(one) month of such occurrence or cessation.

ARTICLE 10 - MODIFICATIONS AND AMENDMENTS

This MOU may be varied and/or amended by the mutual agreement of the Parties and any such variation shall be set out in writing and signed by the Parties.

ARTICLE 11 - DESIGNATION OF OFFICE

Each party shall designate an office and/or an officer which/who shall serve as liaison for implementing this MOU. Unless the other party is advised in writing, for SOGC, this office will be the Office of the President of the SOGC president@sogc.com; for RANZCOG this office will be the Office of the President, RANZCOG board@ranzcog.edu.au.