

**Agreement
on Cooperation between
the Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia
and
the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Lithuania**

The Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia and the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Lithuania (hereinafter referred to as the "Parties"), taking into account the importance of development and strengthening of relations in the fields of health care and medical sciences between these countries,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

Under this Agreement the Parties, in accordance with the international obligations of their states and the legislation applicable within their territories, shall develop cooperation in the fields of health care and medical sciences.

The Parties shall determine cooperation directions which meet their interests in the specific fields of health care and medical sciences.

Article 2

The Parties shall, within the framework of their competence, implement the following measures:

1. exchange information and expert groups in the field of health care and medical sciences;
2. exchange experience in the fields of implemented health reforms, health insurance, public health and pharmacy;
3. together organise theoretical and practical training and refresher courses for health care and nursing specialists, including the exchange of lecturers and expert groups;
4. exchange experience in implementing treatment methods and standards;
5. maintain direct liaison between higher medical education institutions, medical centres, medical treatment institutions and other related institutions;
6. exchange information on the state-of-the-art medical technologies and innovations;
7. prepare common bilateral cooperation projects in various fields of health care and medical sciences.

Article 3

Taking due account of each country's priorities in the fields of health care and medical sciences, the Parties shall organize educational seminars and related-field expert visits in both countries.

Article 4

Upon request of one of the Parties, the other Party shall produce scientific research materials, scientific documents, research programs, medical training videos and work methods, in written and virtual form, except the materials, which can be considered confidential according to the national legislation of the Party.

Article 5

The Parties shall cooperate on the basis of the principles of equal rights, mutual interests, intellectual property rights protection and in compliance with the international law.

Article 6

Any additions and amendments to this Agreement may be made by mutual agreement of the Parties in the form of separate Protocols, being an integral part of this Agreement, and they shall enter into force in accordance with Article 8 of this Agreement.

Article 7

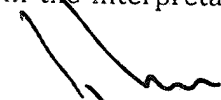
Any dispute regarding the application or interpretation of this Agreement shall be resolved by means of consultations and/or negotiations.

Article 8

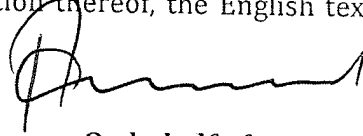
This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of receipt by the Parties of the last written notification through diplomatic channels confirming the completion of their respective internal procedures required for the entry into force of this Agreement.

This Agreement has been concluded for a period of five years and it shall be automatically extended for another five years unless either of the Parties has notified through diplomatic channels the other Party in writing of its intention to terminate this Agreement at least six months in advance.

Signed in Vilnius, on June 30 2014, in two original copies, in Georgian, Lithuanian and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of any discrepancies in the interpretation and implementation thereof, the English text shall prevail.



On behalf of
the Ministry of Labour, Health and
Social Affairs
of Georgia



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the Ministry of Health of
the Republic of Lithuania