

# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

**Georgian Association of Cardiac Surgeons (GACS)**

And

**Georgian Society of Cardiovascular Perfusion (GSCP)**

## **PREAMBLE**

The Georgian Association of Cardiac Surgeons (GACS) and Georgian Society of Cardiovascular Perfusion (GSCP),

Recognising the inherently interdisciplinary nature of cardiovascular care;  
Acknowledging their shared responsibility for ensuring perioperative safety, haemodynamic optimisation, and postoperative critical care;  
Committed to evidence-based medicine, continuous professional development, and quality improvement in alignment with European and international standards.

Hereby enter this Memorandum of Understanding.

## **Article 1 – Purpose**

The purpose of this MoU is to establish a structured framework for collaboration aimed at:

- Enhancing interdisciplinary integration in cardiovascular medicine;
- Harmonising national clinical practice with contemporary European guidelines;
- Advancing patient safety and measurable quality improvement;
- Strengthening academic and scientific collaboration;
- Supporting the professional development of future specialists.

## **Article 2 – Areas of Cooperation**

### **2.1 Clinical Standards:**

- Development of joint position statements and national recommendations;
- Standardisation of perioperative haemodynamic management pathways;
- Harmonisation of postoperative intensive care protocols.

### **2.2 Education and Training:**

- Joint congresses, symposia and workshops;
- Multidisciplinary case discussions;

- Support of simulation-based and team-based training.

### 2.3 Research and Data Development:

- Development of national registries;
- Multicentre research initiatives;
- Integration into international academic networks.

### 2.4 Quality and Patient Safety:

- Joint clinical audits;
- Structured morbidity and mortality review frameworks;
- Implementation of quality indicators in cardiac surgical practice.

## **Article 3 – Implementation**

The Parties shall establish a Joint Coordinating Committee responsible for defining an annual action plan, monitoring its implementation, and conducting regular meetings (at least twice annually).

This MoU reflects the Parties' strategic intent and does not create legally binding financial obligations unless agreed in writing.

## **Article 4 – Duration**

This MoU shall enter into force upon signature and remain valid for five (5) years, subject to renewal by mutual agreement.

## **Signatures**

For the Georgian Association of Cardiac Surgeons (GACS)

  
\_\_\_\_\_ Zaza Katsitadze (President of GACS)

For the Georgian Society of Cardiovascular Perfusion (GSCP)

  
\_\_\_\_\_ Giorgi Shaishmelashvili (President of GSCP)

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