

National Research Institute of
Tuberculosis and Lung Disease

American Thoracic
Society (ATS)



**Memorandum of Understanding between
The American Thoracic Society and
The National Research Institute of Tuberculosis and lung Diseases**

Whereas the American Thoracic Society (ATS) is a professional membership and scientific organization chartered and operated in the United States with the mission to improve health worldwide by advancing research, clinical care and public health in respiratory disease, critical illness and sleep disorders; and

Whereas the National Research Institute of Tuberculosis and Lung Diseases (NRITLD), Tehran, Iran is the scientific organization (educational, diagnostic, and therapeutic research centre) with the mission to improve the national health by advancing research, clinical care and public health in the field of respiratory disease, Tuberculosis and critical illness, and develop research pulmonary disorders.

Whereas both organizations wish to identify and establish collaborative activities in pursuit of their respective and common missions.

Be it therefore agreed that ATS and NRITLD:

1. Identify representatives who will propose concrete ways in which ATS and NRITLD can most productively work together to the leadership of each organization.
2. Consider mechanisms to better market and promote each others' educational offerings and scientific meetings like ATS annual meeting and NRITLD international congress.
3. Formulate plans for joint educational offerings and scientific meetings and exchanges of scientific grants by ATS for developing research in NRITLD.

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