
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This document represents an agreement between

Association of Massage Therapists Ltd (AMT)

and

NORPHCAM

(Network of Researchers in the Public Health of Complementary
and Alternative Medicine)



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1. Description of participating organisations

Association of Massage Therapists (AMT)

AMT is a national, not-for-profit association representing qualified Massage Therapists and Massage Therapy Students. Established in 1966, AMT is the oldest association in Australia to represent massage therapy in its own right, and advocates vigorously to advance the profile and standing of massage therapists, and promote the health benefits of massage therapy. AMT is deeply committed to the safe and ethical practice of massage therapy in Australia.

Network of Researchers in the Public Health of Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NORPHCAM)

NORPHCAM is the first international collaborative network dedicated to promoting and advancing the public health and health services research of traditional, complementary and alternative medicine and integrative health care.

2. Purpose and scope

The purpose of collaboration between AMT and NORPHCAM is to foster opportunities for research capacity building within the massage therapy community.

AMT agrees to:

- promote NORPHCAM as a vehicle for AMT members to build research capacity through a range of services and activities
- publicise NORPHCAM events and activities on the AMT website where applicable and relevant
- investigate other potential areas for collaboration, particularly in relation to research capacity building.

NORPHCAM agrees to:

- provide support, expertise and guidance for research projects and grant applications in partnership with AMT or AMT members
- provide input and assistance to AMT or AMT members with relevant publication co-authorship

- publicise AMT events and activities via the NORPHCAM website where applicable and relevant
- assist AMT to design a research project to roll out across Registered Training Organisation (RTO) student clinics
- develop ongoing research capacity building workshops and seminars for AMT members as appropriate
- investigate other potential areas for collaboration, particularly in relation to research capacity building

3. Commencement and operation

This memorandum will commence on 15 October 2011 and is renewable five years from the date of commencement.

The terms of this memorandum may be reviewed from time to time to ensure mutual benefit to both parties.

If the arrangements listed under this memorandum become inactive for more than two years, this memorandum may be terminated by either party.

4. Conflict of interest

Each party warrants that no conflict of interest exists or is anticipated in connection with the terms of this memorandum.

If a conflict of interest arises, the party affected will notify the other party immediately and the parties will seek to resolve the conflict to ensure that the terms of this memorandum remain in place.

5. Dispute resolution

In the event of a dispute between both parties, the following procedure will be adopted:

- A meeting of authorised representatives of both parties will attempt to resolve the issue(s)
- If the issue(s) cannot be resolved, an independent facilitator will be appointed, at the agreement of both parties
- The decision of the independent facilitator will be binding on both parties

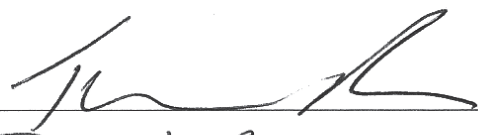
6. Agreement

This memorandum is freely entered into by both parties in a spirit of good will and in accordance with the objectives set out above. The parties recognise the benefits of the memorandum to themselves, to the development of further collaborative possibilities, the development of Massage Therapy in Australia, and the benefit of respective members. The memorandum is a statement of intention and does not create any legal obligations or liabilities between the parties.

For NORPHCAM:

Signature  Date: 15.10.2011
Name: JON ADAMS
Designation: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

For AMT:

Signature  Date: 15.10.2011
Name: TAMSIJ ROSSITER
Designation: PRESIDENT