

India & New Zealand ink MoU to engage in long-term cooperation for cancer care

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Explore ways to enhance cancer care using digital health



University of Auckland and Tata Memorial Hospital (TMH), Mumbai have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to engage in long-term cooperation in cancer care.

The University's Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research, Professor Frank Bloomfield, accompanied by a delegation of academic staff, met with TMH representatives led by TMH director Dr Rajendra Badwe and professor and medical oncologist, Dr Vanita Noronha, to explore ways to enhance cancer care using digital health.

Initial projects envisaged for the partnership include: a digital platform for clinical trials to track study-related activities for patients, investigators and regulators; a digital platform to make outpatient clinics more efficient; and a digital method to enhance prescription medicine safety, such as including connecting systems to ensure potential serious drug interactions are identified and flagged for the treating physician.

Dr Badwe, who heads Tata Memorial Centre, said "We are committed to improving the lives of our patients with cancer. We hope that this collaboration with the University of Auckland will help us harness the power of technology to improve patients' lives. By combining our expertise in cancer care with the University of Auckland's technological expertise, we are confident that we can make a real difference in the lives of patients with cancer and their families"

Professor Bloomfield said the institutions were about to come together in the crucial field of cancer care, noting the similarities between Aotearoa New Zealand and Indian societies.