



Maastricht University



Maastricht University Socially Responsible Research and Licensing Policy in the field of Health, Medicine and Life Sciences

Preamble

Maastricht University recognises that health is a human right. However, health outcomes are not equal for people both at home and abroad. Many of these disparities are avoidable. Promoting research on neglected diseases and access to essential medicines can contribute to the improvement of global health. As an educational and social institution involved in multidisciplinary research in the field of health, medicine and life sciences, Maastricht University feels deeply concerned by these issues.

By signing this Socially Responsible Research and Licensing Policy (hereafter, the “SRRL Policy”), Maastricht University demonstrates its commitment to promote needs-driven research in the field of health, medicine and life sciences, and to implement effective technology transfer strategies that can contribute to the availability of medical treatments and technologies both domestically and globally.

Toward these goals, Maastricht University commits to abide by the following Guiding Principles.

Guiding principles

1. We will promote socially responsible research and innovation in the field of health, medicine and life sciences within the scope of our available resources. For this purpose, we will particularly encourage research and development aimed at preventing and treating diseases that disproportionately burden people in resource-poor settings both domestically and globally.
2. We will strive to educate students and inform researchers from Maastricht University on the issues of access to medicines and neglected diseases in order to directly and indirectly promote socially responsible research and development.
3. When appropriate, we will encourage early publication of the results of our research in the field of health, medicine and life sciences, as we believe knowledge dissemination can greatly contribute to the improvement of global health.
4. We commit to make use of our patents in a socially responsible manner. For that purpose, we will ensure that our patents do not significantly impact the ability of patients to access medicines or pose a burden for national health budgets both domestically and globally.

5. We will strive to develop creative and effective licensing strategies that promote global access to medicines and health-related technologies, especially in low and middle-income countries. When appropriate, we will include provisions in our licensing agreements that seek to increase the availability of medicines at affordable prices.
6. We will strive to cultivate productive relationships with companies that share and are willing to advance our core values both domestically and abroad. We will apprise potential commercial partners of our commitments to contribute to the health and well-being of populations with limited access to medicines.
7. We will continuously monitor and assess our efforts in promoting research on neglected diseases and access to medicines. A Working Committee, composed of representatives from *Universities Allied for Essential Medicines - Maastricht*, the Faculty of Health, Medicine and Life Sciences as well as other relevant stakeholders, will meet regularly in order to evaluate the SRRL Policy and assess its implementation. In order to ensure greater public awareness and transparency, a yearly report on the implementation of the SRRL Policy should be drawn up and published under the supervision of the Working Committee.

We understand that the SRRL Policy must be a living document which needs to evolve along with economic, social and technology developments as well as other policies adopted by Maastricht University. Therefore, the Working Committee will revisit these Guiding Principles as needed to ensure that they always reflect the current best practices and remain in accordance with Maastricht University's obligations.

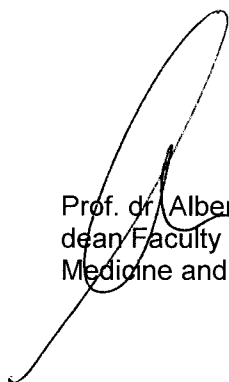
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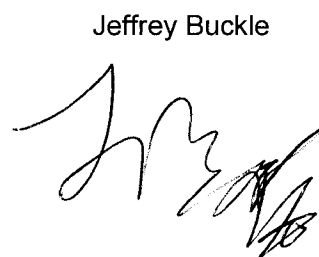


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