

## Confirmation of Hospital Wide Policy on Overseas Travel Effective From March 4th until further notice

Reykjavik, March 12th 2020

To whom it may concern

It is hereby confirmed that on March 4<sup>th</sup> 2020 Landspitali University Hospital in Reykjavik Iceland decided to repeal all permits for work-related, continuing education and conferencerelated overseas travel by hospital staff. The reason is the spread of Covid19 and the importance of minimizing its reach.

The decision affects all travel previously approved for reimbursement or payment by the hospital, and is effective for all travel planned during the upcoming weeks and months, pending further notice. Furthermore, no further travel approvals will be granted, until further notice.

In addition, on March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2020, the Directorate of Health, Department of Civil Protection and Emergency Management and the Chief Epidemiologist for Iceland issued a plea to all healthcare professionals in Iceland to postpone overseas travel, due to the Covid19 epidemic. This affects holiday travel as well as the above mentioned work-related travel.

The hospital requests that conference holders, airlines, hotels and other vendors and insurance companies will approve, if possible, reasonable requests by our staff for reimbursement, based on these unprecedented circumstances.

Sincerely yours. Pall Matthiasson MD, PhI

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