UNIVERSITI Sains Malaysia (USM) has signed a memorandum of agreement (MoA) with the Mount Miriam Cancer Hospital to enrich its development of research into the field of medical physics.

Under the agreement, USM medical students can undergo a six-month internship programme and eight-week attachment as well as conduct researches at Mount Miriam.

Mount Miriam employees will be offered a fellowship and be able to pursue a Masters course in Medical Physics at USM besides getting discounts for seminars or colloquia as organised by the School of Physics.

Vice-chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Omar Osman signed on behalf of USM while Mount Miriam was represented by its board chairman Lau Beng Long.

Dr Omar said the collaboration would foster quality and professional development for both the university's Medical Physics students and the hospital's employees.

“We trust that the partnership will be synergised as the areas of collaboration are of extreme importance for the mutual benefit of both USM and Mount Miriam,” he told a press conference recently.

Lau said that they are pleased to have students from USM to undergo their internship at the hospital.

“Both USM and Mount Miriam have been in a working relationship for more than 10 years prior to this agreement,” he said.

“Under this MoA, we are pleased to have make it official our collaboration.

“Hopefully, we can improve the overall treatment and care for cancer patients,” Lau said.