

Scientists to Exchange Information on Cancer Virus in Moscow

Seven American cancer scientists flew to Moscow to begin a two-week exchange of information on cancer viruses with leading Soviet scientists in the U.S.S.R.

The exchange is part of a U.S. - U.S.S.R. health agreement to share research results from cancer, heart disease and environmental studies which was signed in Moscow in May, 1972 during the President's summit meeting.

As part of the exchange agreement, the U.S. scientific delegation will present to Soviet scientists 31 strains of cancer viruses affecting chickens, cats, rodents, and non-human primates, as well as a possible human tumor virus from a muscle cancer.

The team of scientists, led by Dr. John B. Moloney of the NIH National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, Maryland, will visit cancer research institutes in Moscow, Leningrad and Sukhumi, U.S.S.R.

They are expected to develop with the Soviet scientists a plan for continued exchange of research results on cancer viruses.

The members of the U.S. scientific delegation are:

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