

**NASSAU UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER (Appendix IIIb)
OFFICE of CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION**

Written Agreement for Commercial Support

Nassau University Medical Center (NUMC) is committed to presenting CME activities that promote improvements or quality in healthcare and are independent of the control of ineligible companies* formerly known as commercial interests. In this written agreement, NUMC has outlined the terms, conditions, and purposes of commercial support for its CME activities. Commercial Support is defined as financial, or in-kind, contributions given by an ineligible company which is used to pay all or part of the costs of a CME activity

FORM MUST BE TYPED OR PRINTED LEGIBLY

Title of CME Activity _____

Location _____ Date (s) _____

Name of Ineligible Company _____

Contact Person _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

THE ABOVE COMPANY WISHES TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR THE NAMED CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION ACTIVITY BY MEANS OF:

UNRESTRICTED EDUCATIONAL GRANT for support of CME activity in the amount of \$ _____

To reimburse expenses for the following:

- A. Speaker(s):** 1. _____
2. _____

To include: All Expenses Travel Only Honorarium Only

Honorarium Amount (to be determined by Course Director) \$ _____

- B. Support for Meeting expenses** (specify e.g., catering function(s))

In the amount of \$ _____

- C. Other** (i.e., equipment loan, brochure distribution, etc.) _____

_____ in amount of \$ _____

CONDITIONS

- 1. Statement of Purpose:** The program is for scientific and educational purposes only and **will not** promote any specific proprietary business interest of the company directly or indirectly.
- 2. Control of Content & Selection of Presenters & Moderators:** Accredited Sponsor is ultimately responsible for all decisions in identifying educational needs, determining educational objectives, control of content and selection of presenters and moderators that will be in a position to control the CME content, selection of education methods and evaluation of the activity. There will be no "scripting", emphasis or influence on content by the company or its agents.
- 3. Disclosure of Financial Relationships:** Accredited Sponsor will ensure disclosure directly to the audience, in program brochures, syllabi and other program materials at time of activity of (a) company funding and (b) any significant relationship between the sponsor and the company (i.e., grant recipient, or between individual speakers or moderators of the company). Acknowledgement of educational support from an ineligible company in program brochures, syllabi and other program materials in name only and will not include corporate logo or any product, promotional in nature.

4. **Ancillary Promotional Activities:** No promotional activities will be permitted in the same room or oblique path as the educational activity. No product advertisements will be permitted in the program room. Live or enduring promotional activities must be kept separate from the CME activity. If there is an exhibit hall with commercial displays, it must be physically distant and in a different room from the CME activity. The company **may not** be the agent providing the CME activity to participants.
5. **Objectives and Balance:** Sponsor will make every effort to ensure that data regarding the company's products (or competing products) are objectively selected and presented, with favorable and unfavorable information and balanced discussion of prevailing information on the product (s) and/or alternative treatments.
6. **Limitation of Data:** Sponsor will ensure, to the extent possible, disclosure of limitations of data, i.e., ongoing research, interim analyses, preliminary data, or unsupported opinion.
7. **Discussion of Unapproved Uses:** Sponsor will require that presenter disclose when a product is not approved in the United States for use under discussion.
8. **Independence of Sponsor in the Use of Contributed Funds:**
 - A. Funds should be in the form of an educational grant made payable to Medical & Dental Staff of NHCC if the activity is at NUMC. Otherwise, in name of outside organization of the planner promoting CME activity.
 - B. All other support associated with this CME activity (i.e., distributing brochures, preparing slides) must be given with the full knowledge and approval of the Office of Continuing Medical Education. (Director of CME)
 - C. No other funds from an ineligible company will be paid to the program director, faculty, or others involved with the CME activity (additional honoraria, extra social events, etc.)
 - D. The Accredited Sponsor will make all decisions regarding the disposition and disbursement of funds from the commercial grant if at NUMC. If not at NUMC, the planner of CME will make these decisions under the supervision of the NUMC CME director.
 - E. The ineligible company will not require the Accredited Sponsor to accept advice or services concerning teachers, authors, or participants or other education matters, including content, as conditions of receiving this grant.

The ineligible company agrees to abide by all requirements of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) Standards for Integrity and Independence in Accredited Continuing Education (appended).

The Accredited Sponsor and planner of sponsored CME program agree to abide by the ACCME Standards for Integrity and Independence in Accredited Continuing Medical Education and upon request, furnish the ineligible company a report concerning the expenditures of funds provided. The Accredited Sponsor is Nassau University Medical Center. Contact person is the Director of CME.

Tel. _____ Fax _____ Email _____

AGREED by Authorized Representatives

Course Director/Planner of CME Program **AT NUMC** (print) _____

Dept.: _____ Signature _____ Date _____

NUMC Tax ID: _____

Course Director/Planner **NOT at NUMC** (print) _____ Tax ID# _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Ineligible Company Rep. (print name/title) _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Accredited Sponsor or designee (print) _____

Signature _____ Date _____

* The ACCME defines an ineligible company as any entity producing, marketing, re-selling, or distributing health goods or services consumed by, used on patients. MSSNY does not consider providers of clinical service directly to patients to be an ineligible company. Within the context of this definition and limitation, MSSNY considers the following type of organizations to be eligible for accreditation and free to control the content of CME: 501-C Non-profit organizations, Government organizations, Non-Health care related companies, Liability insurance providers, Health insurance providers, Group medical practices, For-profit hospitals rehab. Centers and nursing homes.