

## CME Program Support Agreement

This CME Program Support Agreement is entered into by and between The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center<sup>1</sup> (Sponsor), a state agency and institution of higher education organized under the laws of the State of Texas and a component institution of The University of Texas System, and Commercial Interest/Supporter. Sponsor and \_\_\_\_\_ Commercial Interest<sup>2</sup>/Supporter are entering into this Agreement in order to confirm the terms and conditions under which Commercial Interest/Supporter is providing a grant to Sponsor to support a CME activity being hosted by Sponsor.

Sponsor is committed to presenting CME activities that promote improvements or quality in healthcare and are independent of the control of commercial interests/supporters. As part of this commitment, Sponsor has outlined in this written agreement the terms, conditions, and purposes of commercial support for its CME activities. Commercial Support is defined as financial, or in-kind, contributions given by a commercial interest<sup>1</sup>/supporter, which is used to pay all or part of the costs of a CME activity.

*Form must be typed or printed legibly*

Course Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of CME Activity: \_\_\_\_\_

CME Activity Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Date(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Commercial Interest/Supporter: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Facsimile: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Commercial Interest/Supporter will provide to Sponsor:

1. An educational grant in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ in support of expenses related to the activity.

2. In-kind support (e.g., equipment loan, brochure printing/distribution, etc.).

Specify type of support and it's estimated value: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Other (Specify): \_\_\_\_\_ in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ .

<sup>1</sup> The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center Tax ID number is **74-6001118**.

<sup>2</sup> ACCME Definition: A **commercial interest** is any entity producing, marketing, re-selling, or distributing health care goods or services consumed by, or used on, patients. (from ACCME Policy Updates, August 2007)  
The ACCME does not consider providers of clinical service directly to patients to be commercial interests.

## Terms, Conditions, and Purposes

### Independence

- This activity is for scientific and educational purposes only and will not promote any specific proprietary business interest of the Commercial Interest/Supporter or any other commercial interest.
- Sponsor, as the accredited provider of the CME activity, is responsible for all decisions regarding the identification of educational needs, determination of educational objectives, selection and presentation of content, selection of all persons and organizations that will be in a position to control the content of the CME, selection of education methods, and the evaluation of the activity.

### Appropriate Use of Commercial Support

- Sponsor, as the accredited provider, will make all decisions regarding the disposition and disbursement of the funds from the Commercial Interest/Supporter.
- The Commercial Interest/Supporter will not require the Sponsor to accept advice or services concerning teachers, authors, or participants or other education matters, including content, as conditions of receiving this grant.
- All commercial support associated with this activity will be given with the full knowledge and approval of the Sponsor. No other payments shall be given to the director of the activity, planning committee members, teachers or authors, joint sponsor, or any others involved with the supported activity.
- The Sponsor will upon written request, furnish the Commercial Interest/Supporter documentation detailing the receipt and expenditure of the commercial support.

### Commercial Promotion


- Product-promotion material or product-specific advertisement of any type is prohibited in or during the CME activity. The juxtaposition of editorial and advertising material on the same products or subjects is not allowed. Live or enduring promotional activities must be kept separate from the CME activity. Promotional materials cannot be displayed or distributed in the education space immediately before, during or after a CME activity. Commercial Interests/Supporters may not engage in sales or promotional activities while in the space or place of the CME activity.
- The Commercial Interest/Supporter may not be the agent providing the CME activity to the learners.

### Disclosure

- The Sponsor will ensure that the source of support from the Commercial Interest/Supporter, either direct or "in-kind," is disclosed to the participants, in program brochures, syllabi, and other program materials, and at the time of the activity. This disclosure will not include the use of a trade name or a product-group message. The acknowledgment of commercial support may state the name, mission, and clinical involvement of the company or institution and may include corporate logos and slogans, if they are not product promotional in nature.

### Agreed by Authorized Representatives

The Commercial Interest/Supporter and Sponsor agree to abide by all requirements of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) **Standards for Commercial Support of Continuing Medical Education** (appended).

<b>Commercial Interest/Supporter</b> _____ (Name, Title, Company)	
Signature _____	Date _____
<b>Educational Partner</b> _____ (If applicable) (Name, Title and Company/Organization)	
Signature _____	Date _____
<b>Sponsor Representative</b> <u>Shirley Roy, Director, CME/Conference Services</u>	
Signature 	Date _____

Program Code: