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**COMMERCIAL SUPPORT:**

**CME & THE PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES:**

The COM complies with the ACCME Standards for Commercial Support of Continuing Medical Education. (attached or available online at accme.org)

Special attention must be paid to the mechanism for reimbursement of CME expenses. That is, the funds from a commercial source must be in the form of an educational grant made payable to the accredited sponsor (UIC/COM Offices of CME) for the support of the activity. The funds may be administered through the sponsoring department or the CME office. All support in relation to the certified CME activity will be made with the full knowledge and approval of the UIC/COM Office of CME.

Scholarship or other special funding to permit medical students, residents, or fellows to attend selected educational conferences may be provided, as long as the selection of students, residents or fellows who will receive the funds is made by the University of Illinois (UIC) College of Medicine and the appropriate department.

There must be assurances that FDA guidelines for commercial support and the ACCME's Standards for Commercial Support will be strictly followed by the commercial provider.

A written agreement will be signed by both parties. That agreement will be either the ACCME standard agreement or other agreements that meet the requirements of the College of Medicine, ACCME and the FDA. All sites will use the same educational grant form.

In a jointly sponsored activity, responsibility for the actual collection and disbursement of funds may be delegated, in writing, to the non-accredited sponsor. In this case, complete accounting records must be maintained by the non-accredited sponsor and provided to the COM Committee on CME.

All presentations must be balanced and free of bias. When an off-label use of a drug is discussed, it must be identified as such. Compliance will be measured by participant and observer evaluations and verified by the Activity Director.