

**Accredited Education Agreement for Commercial Support**

**Thank you for your support for our accredited educational program.** The purpose of this agreement is to ensure that Roper St. Francis Healthcare has the sole responsibility for their accredited programs. This is done by ensuring all accredited education supported by an ineligible company meets the Standards for Integrity and Independence in Accredited Continuing Education by the ACCME. (<https://www.accme.org/accreditation-rules/standards-for-integrity-independence-accredited-ce>)

Roper St. Francis Healthcare is committed to presenting accredited educational activities that are designed to enhance clinical competence, performance or improve patient outcomes. As part of this commitment, Roper St. Francis Healthcare has outlined in this written agreement the terms, conditions, and purposes of commercial support for its accredited continuing education activities.

A commercial interest is any entity producing, marketing, reselling, or distributing health care goods or services consumed by, or used on, patients. Commercial support is defined as financial or in-kind contributions given by a commercial interest that are used to pay all or part of the costs of an educational activity. “In-kind” refers to the loan or donation of equipment and/or supplies from a commercial entity.

<b>Title of Educational Activity:</b>	
<b>Activity Location:</b>	<b>Activity Date:</b>
<b>Name of Commercial Supporter:</b>	
<b>Nature of Educational Grant: Please indicate:</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Monetary - Amount of Monetary Donation:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>In-Kind Support (Durable equipment, facility space, disposable supplies, etc.)</b>	

**Commercial Support Guidelines:**

1. This activity is for scientific and educational purposes only and will not promote any specific proprietary business interest of the ineligible company.
2. The accredited provider 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.
3. The accredited provider is responsible for ensuring that the education remains independent of the ineligible company and that support does not result in commercial bias or commercial influence in the education. The support does not establish a financial relationship between the ineligible company and planners, faculty, and others in control of content of the education.
3. The accredited provider will make all decisions regarding the receipt and disbursement of the commercial support.
  - a. Ineligible companies may not pay directly for any of the expenses related to the

- education or the learner.
  - b. The accredited provider may use commercial support to fund honoraria or travel expenses of planners, faculty, and others in control of content for those roles only.
  - c. The accredited provider may not use commercial support to pay for travel, lodging, honoraria, or personal expenses for individual learners or groups of learners in accredited education.
  - d. The accredited provider may use commercial support to defray or eliminate the cost of the education for all learners.
4. The ineligible Interest will not require the accredited provider to accept advice or services concerning teachers, authors, or participants or other education matters, including content, as conditions of receiving this grant.
  5. All commercial support associated with this activity will be given with the full knowledge and approval of the accredited provider. 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.
  6. Product-promotion material or product-specific advertisement of any type is prohibited in or during the CME activity. Marketing, exhibits, and nonaccredited education developed by or with influence from an ineligible company or with planners or faculty with unmitigated financial relationships must not occur in the educational space within 30 minutes before or after an accredited education activity. Activities that are part of the event but not accredited for continuing education must be clearly labeled and communicated as such.
  7. The commercial interest may not be the agent providing the CME Activity to the learners. The accredited provider is responsible for ensuring that education is separate from marketing by ineligible companies including; advertising, sales, exhibits, and promotion and other nonaccredited education offered in conjunction with accredited continuing education.
  8. The accredited provider will ensure ineligible companies that market or exhibit in association with accredited education will not; influence any decisions related to the planning, delivery, and evaluation of the education, interfere with the presentation of the education, or be a condition of the provision of financial or in-kind support from ineligible companies for the education.
  9. Educational material that are part of accredited education (such as slides, abstracts handouts, evaluation mechanisms, or disclosure information) must not contain any marketing produced by or for an ineligible company, including corporate or product logos, trade names, or product group messages.
  10. Information distributed about accredited education that does not include educational content, such as schedules and logistical information, may include marketing by or for an ineligible company.
  11. Ineligible companies may not provide access to, or distribute, accredited education to learners.

The Commercial Supporter, Joint Provider (Educational Partner), and Roper St. Francis Healthcare agree to abide by all requirements of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) Standards for Integrity and Independence in Accredited Continuing Education.

<b>Name of Accredited Provider</b>	Roper St. Francis Healthcare	
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Tax ID #:		
Contact Person		
Phone #:		
Email Address:		
<b>Name of Commercial Interest</b>		
Contact Person:		
Phone#		
Email Address:		

**Agreed by Authorized Representatives**

<b>RSFH</b>	<b>Educational Partner (if Applicable)</b>	<b>Commercial Interest</b>
Print Name:	Print Name:	Print Name:
Signature:	Signature:	Signature:
Title:	Title:	Title:
Date:	Date:	Date:

***Please complete and return the agreement to Roper St. Francis Healthcare, Continuing Medical Education Office.***

***Thank you for your support.***