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March 3, 2010

Re: Connecticut Chapter of the American College of Cardiology  
18<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and Scientific Session  
Date: Wednesday, April 21, 2010  
Location: Choate Rosemary Hall, Wallingford, CT

Dear Educational Grant Review Committee:

The mission of the American College of Cardiology Foundation (ACCF) is to advocate for quality cardiovascular care – through education, research promotion, development and application of standards and guidelines – and to influence health care policy. ACCF's CME/CE mission is to enhance learner competence or performance and ultimately improve patient care. The American College of Cardiology Foundation is accredited by the Accredited Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing education for physicians and the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation to provide nursing education. ACCF endeavors to identify new and emerging cardiovascular health care needs, as well as evolving challenges in the provision of health care and provides educational opportunities to respond to these needs.

The American College of Cardiology Foundation (ACCF), through joint sponsorship/co-providership, with the Connecticut of the American College of Cardiology (CCACC) requests a \$2,000.00 educational grant to support the **"18<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and Scientific Session."** This year's program includes presentation on "Cardiac risk of non cardiac surgery...state of the art and Health Reform on cardiac care: What is needed?"

CCACC is a non-for-profit organization dedicated to promoting high standards in the practice of cardiovascular medicine and surgery in the state of Connecticut. We have approximately 400 cardiology members in Connecticut. The CCACC was acknowledged by the American College of Cardiology for the fourth year in a row with its "Chapter Recognition Award" for meeting ACC goals for chapter membership, communications, quality initiatives, advocacy and management.

The objectives of this conference are indicated in the attached promotional material. The needs assessment to support this is multi-dimensional and is based on quality data and guidelines developed by the American College of Cardiology and other national organizations. The cardiac risks of non-cardiac surgery needs to be understood and cardiovascular professionals need to be in the forefront of understanding the epidemiology and pathophysiology of perioperative coronary events after and during surgery, to know who to screen before non-cardiac surgery, and when to offer medical or interventional therapy to lower the risk. Health care reform is likely to have a significant impact on cardiovascular medicine and CCACC member practitioners need to prepare to meet the needs of their patients in this changing health care environment.

The overall goal of this conference is to increase learner competence in knowing who to screen before non-cardiac surgery, and when to offer medical or interventional therapy to lower the risk. Each activity will be measured based on its effectiveness in accomplishing the expected results.

Our target audience will consist of Cardiologists, Fellows in Training and Cardiac Care Associates. This is a CME/CNE certified, based educational activity of which the amount requested will partly cover expenses incurred for the activity. A projected 90 participants are expected.

The check should be made payable to the Connecticut Chapter of the American College of Cardiology, a 501 (c) organization, Tax # **06-1390571**.

Your support will be acknowledged as per ACCME/ANCC Standards of Commercial Support. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 860-659-8769 or e-mail me at [nlippman@ctheartbeat.com](mailto:nlippman@ctheartbeat.com).

Sincerely,

Neal Lippman, MD, FACC, President



### LETTER OF AGREEMENT

Regarding Terms, Conditions and Purposes of an Educational Grant between the American College of Cardiology Foundation (ACCF) <Provider>, ACC Chapter <Education Partner> and the Following Commercial Supporter

#### Step 1 – PLEASE COMPLETE THE BOX BELOW:

1. **Commercial Supporter (Official Company Name/Branch):** \_\_\_\_\_  
*Note: If above name slightly differs from that in the official ACCF database, company name will be credited and appear in acknowledgments as in the ACCF database.*
2. **Contact Person:** (Please type or print) \_\_\_\_\_
3. **Address:** \_\_\_\_\_
4. **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Fax:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_
5. **The above-named commercial supporter wishes to provide support for this continuing medical education/ continuing education (CME/CE) activity by means of:** (Please check all that apply)
  - A.  **Unrestricted, nonrefundable educational grant** to the Connecticut Chapter of the American College of Cardiology in support of this education activity in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
*Please check one:*
    - Pledged** (Payment must be received prior to activity start date)
    - Payment Enclosed**
  - Note: All monetary support for this activity must come to the ACC Chapter or to ACCF; no payments directly to any other party are permitted.*
  - B.  **“Other” non-promotional support** (e.g., non-monetary support such as response system donation, etc.)  
*Please describe “Other” support below:*  
Description \_\_\_\_\_ Est. Value \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
*Note: “Other” support must be discussed with and approved by the ACCF and the program director prior to submission. “Other” support is not considered a charitable contribution to the ACCF. If other support constitutes promotion or product advertising, it must be guided by a separate agreement between ACCF and the commercial supporter.*
6. **Activity/Program Title:** 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and Scientific Session
7. **Director(s):** Neal Lipmann, MD, FACC
8. **Location:** Choate Rosemary Hall, Wallingford, CT
9. **Date(s):** April 21, 2010 **Activity/Program Number:** 20101550CT

**PLEASE READ THE ATTACHED “CONDITIONS” AND COMPLETE 10-12 BELOW.**

**I AGREE TO THE ATTACHED ACCF CONDITIONS FOR SUPPORT:**

10. **Commercial Supporter Representative:** (Please type or print) \_\_\_\_\_  
**Title:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_
11. **American College of Cardiology Foundation Representative:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Title:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_
12. **Education Partner Representative:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Title:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Chapter:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Step 2 – Before You Return This Form, Please Make Sure You Have Completed It In Its Entirety.**

**Step 3 – Please Return This Form To:** Connecticut Chapter of the American College of Cardiology (CCACC)

ATTN: Nancy Klaffky, PO Box 1058, Glastonbury, CT 06033

FAX: 860-659-8772

For ACCF use only:

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

**Step 4 – IF PAYMENT IS INCLUDED WITH THIS FORM:**

**Make payable to the Connecticut Chapter of the American College of Cardiology (CCACC)**

**Reference activity title and number on check**

**LETTER OF AGREEMENT**  
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**CONDITIONS**

- **Statement of Purpose:** Activity is for scientific and educational purposes only and will not promote the commercial supporter's products, directly or indirectly.
- **Control of Content and Selection of Presenters and Moderators:** The ACCF shall maintain full control over the planning, content, quality, scientific integrity, implementation, and evaluation of the activity, and over the selection of speakers, moderators, authors, or other faculty for the activity.
- **Disclosure of Financial Relationships/Vested Interests:** The ACCF will ensure, that prior to the activity, meaningful disclosure is made to the activity audience of the following: a) commercial supporter's funding of the activity, without reference to specific products; b) relevant ACCF organizational financial relationships; c) any relevant financial or other relationship between ACCF contributors (including planners, directors, presenters, reviewers, moderators, authors, or editors) and commercial supporter; d) any relevant financial or other relationship between ACCF contributors and the manufacturers of products or providers of services mentioned by the contributor during the activity; e) whether any product mentioned during the activity is not labeled for the use under discussion or is still investigational, f) if the contributor has nothing to disclose. Disclosure shall be made in writing in all instances when that is possible. Should disclosure occur verbally, such disclosure shall be verified by written documentation in the activity file.
- **Involvement in Content:** There will be no "scripting," emphasis, or influence on content by the commercial supporter or its agents.
- **Ancillary Promotional Activities:** No promotional activities will be permitted in the same room as the educational activity. No product advertisements will be permitted in the activity room. Exhibit placement shall not be a condition of support for the activity.
- **Give aways:** Give aways are considered a promotional and/or advertising opportunity and must be guided by a separate contractual agreement between the ACCF and the commercial interest.
- **Objectivity and Balance:** The ACCF will make every effort to ensure that data regarding the commercial supporter'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. The activity shall present discussion of multiple treatment options, and shall not focus on a single product, except when options are so limited as to preclude meaningful discussion. Faculty shall be instructed to use generic names of products, or, if trade names are used, to use those of several companies.
- **Opportunities for Debate:** The ACCF will ensure opportunities for questioning or scientific debate.
- **Social Events:** Social events shall not compete with, nor take precedence over, the educational activity. The appropriateness of a social event is at the sole discretion of the ACCF, and the ACCF shall have final authority in the scheduling and production of a social event. The cost for any social event shall be modest. All funds must come to the ACCF; no payments (or billings) directly to any other party are permitted; sponsorship for receptions, faculty dinners, and other social events must be handled through the ACCF, even if the function is off-site and does not compete with the educational activity.

➤ **Independence of the ACCF in the Use of Contributed Funds:**

- a. Funds should be in the form of an educational grant made to *Connecticut Chapter of the American College of Cardiology (CCACC)* (education partner).
  - b. All support associated with this CME/CE activity (e.g., distributing brochures, preparing slides) must be given with the full knowledge and approval of the American College of Cardiology Foundation (accredited sponsor).
  - c. No funds from the commercial supporter may be paid directly to the activity director, faculty, or others involved with the CME/CE activity (additional honoraria, extra social events, etc.).
  - d. The ACC Chapter shall, upon request, furnish the commercial supporter a report concerning the expenditure of the funds provided
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The American College of Cardiology Foundation (ACCF) and Commercial Supporter agree to abide by all requirements of: the ACCME *Standards for Commercial Support of Continuing Medical Education* (September 2004), the FDA *Final Guidance on Industry-Supported Scientific and Educational Activities* (December 1997), the AMA regulations regarding the Physician's Recognition Award, the AMA *Opinion 8.061: Gifts to Physicians from Industry*, and the AMA *Opinion 9.011: Ethical Issues on CME*, Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education's (ACGME) *Principles to Guide the Relationship Between Graduate Medical Education and Industry*, and American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation, *Unit Operations Criterion*.