Commerical Support Policy

Boston University School of Medicine will accept financial support from a commercial organization for an educational activity. The ACCME Standards for Commercial Support will be adhered to including but not limited to the following:

1. BUSM will maintain full control over the program. BUSM will be responsible for the content, quality and scientific integrity.

2. The CME activity must be free of commercial bias, based on scientific methods, use generic names, and disclose any unlabeled/investigational product.

3. BUSM will be responsible for all ACCME Essentials, including identification of CME needs, determination of educational objectives, evaluations, and selection of content, faculty, educational methods, and materials.

4. Financial support will be accepted in the form of an unrestricted educational grant, and payable to BUSM.

5. A Letter of Agreement will be signed by the commercial supporter and BUSM referencing the BUSM Commercial Support policy, Conflict of Interest policy, and ACCME Essentials Areas and their Elements.

6. The educational grant will be acknowledged in printed course materials and/or verbally. Printed materials will include the following statement: This activity has been supported in part by an educational grant from COMPANY.

7. Faculty will be informed of the ACCME Standards on Commercial Support.

8. Signed Faculty Disclosure Forms will be requested from every faculty member.

9. The audience will be informed of any faculty member’s significant financial interest or relationship with a commercial company or the manufacturer of any commercial product/service that is discussed.

10. Promotional materials will not be allowed in the class/conference room. Commercial representatives may attend the CME activity, but may not engage in sales activities in the class/conference room.

11. Addresses of attendees are confidential and may not be used for commercial solicitation.