

Corporate Support and Recognition

AAPM&R, INDUSTRY, AND YOU

AAPM&R believes that industry involvement at the Annual Assembly is a vital component of our mission. Industry serves as a valuable educational resource to attendees and provides important financial support to AAPM&R that enables our organization to achieve its goals and vision while limiting the financial burden on its members. It is important to recognize that *nearly every tool, service, intervention or medication you use to take care of your patients and run your practices was developed and provided to you by industry.* As the developers of new medical products and services, industry is in the unique position to provide us with cutting-edge information regarding new innovations in medicine. Since many physicians have limited interactions with industry outside of the Annual Assembly, attendees can learn about advances in medicine by spending time with our industry partners at the **PM&R Pavilion**. Think of it as an additional educational resource that extends your learning “beyond the classroom.”

It is important to note that the AAPM&R Board of Governors (BOG) and AAPM&R Corporate Relations Committee (CRC) are committed to maintaining valued industry relationships without compromising the independence and credibility of AAPM&R activities and programs; we take compliance seriously. As such, the Academy, officers, faculty, and staff follow guidelines, policies, and processes that are based on, and usually surpass recommendations from, the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), American Medical Association (AMA), and the Council of Medical Specialty Societies (CMSS). Companies are also required to follow local, state, and federal laws as well as policies set forth by other applicable governing bodies. AAPM&R, its officers, and staff do not endorse or promote any company or product involved in this year’s Annual Assembly. AAPM&R also publically discloses corporate support received on www.aapmr.org on a quarterly basis to foster transparency. For more information about AAPM&R policies, which focus on relationships with industry, CME, disclosure, transparency, and compliance, please email info@aapmr.org.

INDUSTRY INVOLVEMENT AT THE AAPM&R ANNUAL ASSEMBLY DEFINED

The BOG and CRC would like to take a moment to inform you of various ways industry involvement is included in this year’s Annual Assembly.

AAPM&R CME PROGRAMMING

AAPM&R is an accredited provider (with commendation) of continuing medical education (CME) by the ACCME. As such, AAPM&R develops and provides CME activities that are free from the influence, bias, and input of industry. AAPM&R has sole responsibility of selecting program topics, faculty, and planning program content and has established policies and guidelines for disclosing and resolving relevant financial relationships and conflicts.

EDUCATIONAL GRANTS

AAPM&R sometimes obtains financial support from industry for CME activities through educational grants. AAPM&R sometimes obtains in-kind support from industry through educational grants. In these cases, AAPM&R secures equipment or product from industry for use during hands-on CME activities.

For all educational grants, companies sign Letters of Agreement (LOAs) documenting strict compliance with all established guidelines and policies.

PRODUCT THEATERS

AAPM&R allows (for a fee) industry to host Product Theaters, which are independent, non-CME sessions offered at the Annual Assembly. AAPM&R does not control or endorse the content of these activities.

SATELLITE SYMPOSIA

AAPM&R allows third-party sponsored CME activities called Satellite Symposia. The third-party often garners support for their activity from industry. This third-party CME provider is required to follow all guidelines outlined by ACCME. AAPM&R does not control or endorse the content of these activities.

PM&R PAVILION (formerly known as the Exhibit Hall)

Exhibiting companies pay a fee to exhibit their products and services.

ADVERTISING

Companies that advertise pay a fee to include an advertisement in AAPM&R’s publications.

SPONSORSHIPS

Companies sometimes provide monetary support for AAPM&R in general in the form of a product, service or event (i.e., banners, lanyards, receptions, etc.). AAPM&R will acknowledge and disclose all corporate supporters, sponsorships or relationships, but does not endorse any companies or their products or services.