

American Federation of Medical Research
and
Participating Societies
Regional Meetings

Call for Abstracts

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Western Regional Meetings

January 31-February 3, 2007
Carmel, California

Abstract Deadline:
October 3, 2006

Southern Regional Meetings

February 8-10, 2007
New Orleans, Louisiana

Abstract Deadline:
October 16, 2006





Abstract Deadlines and Meeting Dates

Western Regional Meetings

Carmel, California

MEETING DATES:

January 31-February 3, 2007

PLACE:

Sunset Center
San Carlos between 8th and 9th
Carmel, California
Phone: 831/624-3996

ABSTRACT DEADLINE:

October 3, 2006

PARTICIPATING SOCIETIES:

CTS	California Thoracic Society
WAFMR	Western American Federation for Medical Research
WAP	Western Association of Physicians
WSCI	Western Society for Clinical Investigation
WSPR	Western Society for Pediatric Research
WSMRF	Western Student Medical Research Forum and Residents Forum

CLUB MEETINGS:

Developmental Biology Club
West Coast Endocrine Club
Western Dymorphology Club
Western Gut Club
Western Metabolism Club
Western Perinatal Club
Western Respiration Club

Southern Regional Meetings

New Orleans, Louisiana

MEETING DATES:

February 8-10, 2007

PLACE:

Hotel Inter-Continental
444 St. Charles Avenue
New Orleans, Louisiana
Phone: 504/525-5566

ABSTRACT DEADLINE:

October 16, 2006

PARTICIPATING SOCIETIES:

APA	Ambulatory Pediatric Association
APS	American Physiological Society
IACS-NA	International Academy of Cardiovascular Sciences - North American Chapter
SAFMR	Southern American Federation for Medical Research
SSCI	Southern Society for Clinical Investigation
SSGIM	Southern Society for General Internal Medicine
SSPR	Southern Society for Pediatric Research

CLUB MEETINGS:

Southern Blood Club
Southern Bug Club
Southern Cardiology Club
Southern Endocrine Club
Southern Gut Club
Southern Lung Club
Southern Renal Club



Important Information

This abstract brochure is for the 2007 AFMR regional scientific meetings and meetings of other participating societies held in conjunction with these meetings. Included in the *Call for Abstracts* brochure is information unique to the Western and Southern regional meetings. Investigators may submit abstracts to any of the regional meetings regardless of the section or geographic area in which s/he resides. Please use the appropriate electronic submission form for each of the regional meetings which is found on the Internet at <http://www.medpubinc.com>. It is now **required of all abstract submitters** to fill out a CME Disclosure Form. This is available when you log in to submit your abstract. You must fill this form out in order to continue. For further information on the Regional Meetings please visit the AFMR website (<http://www.afmr.org>). *Please note: The abstract fee is separate from the registration fee.* You must also register to attend the meeting if you are presenting an abstract. It is **REQUIRED** that you submit your abstract electronically. If you encounter problems submitting your abstract electronically, please email admin@medpubinc.com or call **734/699-1217** for assistance.

Exciting Information for Fellow Trainees and Jr. Faculty for the Western and Southern Meetings

WESTERN MEETING: The Fellow and Junior Faculty Scholars Forum at the Western Regional Meetings in Carmel was created four years ago to honor the academic contribution of junior physician scientists. This program has been very successful in the past few years at the Western Regional Meetings in Carmel and we will continue the program for the coming year. Last year we had 52 award winners across 8 subspecialties. The Carmel meetings have been reinvigorated with promising young scientists and this program is part of that new energy. Our goal is to have scholar programs in Aging, Cardiology, Development, Endocrinology, Hematology/Oncology, Infectious Diseases, Metabolism, Pulmonary, Renal, and Rheumatology. Successful scholars will submit a top scoring abstract and present it in the subspecialty session at the Carmel meetings. Scholar award winners will be invited to a reception with their mentor's where they will be given their award and have the opportunity to learn more about academic career development from established physician-scientists with outstanding records for mentorship. A reception will be held Friday evening February 2nd, 2007 for the fellow/jr. faculty and mentor in an atmosphere that allows networking with other fellows/jr. faculty in the West. Our hope is to offer 50-100 awards for fellow/jr. faculty abstracts that score highest in their subspecialty. We strongly encourage fellows/jr. faculty to submit abstracts to the 2007 meeting.

SOUTHERN MEETING: Due to the success of the SSCI Nephrology Young Investigator Forum and the SSCI Oncology Young Investigator Forum, we will continue both programs in 2007 for Trainees. The two SSCI forums will be held at the Hotel Inter-Continental on Wednesday February 7, 2007 (**one day prior to the Southern Regional Meeting**). These postgraduate competitions are designed to create a subspecialty forum for oral presentation for Nephrology and Oncology trainees (Fellows only). These competitions are also designed to create a subspecialty atmosphere for networking with other fellows. Those abstracts selected will receive reimbursement for travel, hotel, and registration expenses for the Forum and the Southern Regional Meeting. However, it is presumed that these abstracts **will also be submitted** to the Southern Regional Meeting. Fellows who are awarded an *SSCI Nephrology or Oncology Young Investigator Award* **cannot also receive the SAFMR/SSCI travel award**, but may apply. Please see www.ssciweb.org for further details regarding the **SSCI Oncology and Nephrology Forum Only**. The Cardiovascular Club, in conjunction with the North American Section of the International Academy of Cardiovascular Sciences (NA-IACS), is offering its own program for cardiology trainees. There will be a separate check box on the submission form labelled Cardiovascular Case Report for this program.



Abstract Policies

No revisions or changes will be accepted to submitted abstracts after the deadline.

1. All abstracts are peer-reviewed and ranked on the basis of scientific merit by experts in the category selected. The Program Committees use these rankings to develop the final meeting program. Abstracts submitted for presentation (whether or not selected for presentation) will be published at the discretion of the Regional Program Committees. **The decisions of the Program Committees are final.** Abstracts will not be reviewed if received after the deadline.
2. If you prefer to give a poster presentation, check the **Poster Only** box. This option is **only available** for the Southern Meeting.
3. AFMR requires a **nonrefundable** abstract fee of **\$75.00** to cover the costs of processing, review and/or publication. This is **separate** from the *registration fee*. You must register to attend the meeting if you are presenting an abstract. Include separate payment with each abstract submitted. For an additional fee of \$10.00, purchase orders are accepted (make purchase order for \$85). *Payment must be made by credit card (American Express, MasterCard, or Visa) or purchase order.*

4. **INFORMED CONSENT AND DISCLOSURE:** AFMR has adopted guidelines for conflicts of interest (see *Clinical Research*, Volume 38, Number 2, April, 1990). Investigators should consider and disclose potential conflicts of interest in connection with papers presented at the regional meetings. Each abstract **must** comply with the following: 1) personal responsibility for assuring that, at the time of the meeting for which it is being considered, the material herein will not have been published or presented at any national meeting; (2) that if accepted, an eligible author is prepared to present it; (3) that any animal studies conform with the "Guiding Principles in the Care and Use of Animals" of the American Physiological Society; (4) that any human experimentation was conducted according to a protocol approved by an Institutional Review Board on ethics of human investigation (if no such Board exists, please state in a separate letter what standards were used to assess the ethical property of the protocol); and (5) that potential conflicts of interest will be disclosed at time of presentation of abstract. All potential conflicts of interest should be detailed in a separate letter and sent via email with your abstract. Such information will not be available to the abstract review committee and will not prejudice review of the abstract. **Exception for WSPR Members only:** The material may have been presented at another regional or national meeting with a focused audience like a subspecialty meeting, such that the material will be new to the broader audience of the Western meeting. A statement documenting that the material has been presented previously should be included in the conflict of interest disclosure described above.



Abstract Procedures

Instructions for Abstract Formatting:

1. **Type abstract** in the blank template. The size of type should be no smaller than 10 point. Simple graphs and tables may be included if they fit within the box. Margins of the blank template are: top .25, bottom .29, right and left .25, page size 6.5 x 5.28 in portrait mode.
2. **Title and Authors.** The title should be brief, clearly indicating the nature of the study. **CAPITALIZE ENTIRE TITLE.** State all authors' initials and last names followed by their institutional affiliations, city, and state. **Underline presenting author only.** Do not include any street address or zip codes on the abstract.
3. **Body.** Organize the body of the abstract to include a purpose of study, methods used, summary of results, and conclusions reached. *Do not skip a line* between the title and body of the abstract.
4. **Abbreviations.** Place nonstandard abbreviations in parentheses after the full word the first time it appears. **Do not use abbreviations in the abstract title.**

Step-by-Step Instructions for Electronic Submission:

1. Establish a connection to the Internet. Proceed to <http://www.medpubinc.com>.
2. Click the link at the top of the page **Submit Abstract**. It will take you to the next page where you choose the appropriate meeting for which you are submitting an abstract. Choose the meeting of choice and it will take you to a sign in page. If you have submitted an abstract in the past to either the Western or Southern Meetings you can log in as an "Existing User". If you have never submitted an abstract to either meeting, then you "Create a New Account". At the following screen click on **Submit Abstract** and fill out the form. You will first see a CME Disclosure Form that needs to be filled out.
3. If you are the **presenting author**, be sure to include **your** name and email address on the submission form. Please check the society to which you and your mentor are members. This is **required** for receipt of an award. You must include the mentor/advisor email address and society membership as the second email on the form, but they **should not** be listed on the submission form as the author if they are **not** the presenting author. Awards are chosen based on the presenting author information including rank and the quality of the abstract. Therefore, mentors should review all work prior to submission. If you change the title of your abstract from the time you fill out the submission form on-line to the time you email your abstract, please go back on-line and change it so that they both match. What is on the submission form on-line is what will be printed in the program. You will need to do this by the abstract deadline.
4. Have your credit card and/or purchase order number available before you begin filling out the form. Once you have completed the entire form including your credit card and/or purchase order information, press the **submit** button. If you leave this page open too long it will time-out and you will have to begin again. Once this is completed, you will receive an email that will contain your **blank** abstract template. **Please note:** it will arrive at the email address entered on the electronic submission form. **Do not modify the subject header of this e-mail.** The attachment will be a Word/Wordperfect document. Save this to your desktop. Open the document and paste your abstract inside it. The margins, font or paper size of this document cannot be modified. All text and graphics must fit within the allotted space.
5. After the abstract is pasted, save the file **without changing its file name**. Then, **reply** to the e-mail that was sent, making sure you include your abstract **as an attachment**.

Note: If you do not include the file as an attachment, your abstract will not be processed. Confirmation emails are sent once your abstract is received. If you do not receive a confirmation email in return within 2 days, it is your responsibility to contact us to ensure that we have received your abstract.

Abstract Deadline:
October 16, 2006

Southern Regional Meeting

**Hotel InterContinental
New Orleans, Louisiana**

Meeting Dates:
February 8-10, 2007

Joint Plenary Session, Workshops and Satellite Symposium

Please register for the Southern Regional Meetings and workshops online at www.cme.tulane.edu. If you prefer, you can complete and submit the enclosed pre-registration form. The following workshops are open to all meeting registrants; however, pre-registration is requested to guarantee space. A second mailing of the meeting brochure will be mailed to members in late November. The brochure will also be available online and can be downloaded at www.afmr.org or www.ssciweb.org.

Joint Plenary Session

Saturday, February 10, 2007; 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Please join us for an exciting session entitled "Big Promise in Small Packages: Advances in Nanomedicine".

Manuscript Preparation and Peer-Reviewed Publication

Thursday, February 8, 2007 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

This workshop will address multiple aspects of publication in scientific journals. Presenter will discuss preparation of materials, including the initial decision that the data are sufficient to justify publication. Issues related to manuscript writing will include length, focus, adherence to journal formats, and referencing. The editorial process from submission to publication will be described in-depth with particular attention to ways in which authors can interact with journal editors. Another section will cover ethical issues in publication including review boards, authorship, duplicate publication, intellectual property rights, and conflict of interest. There will be open discussion of sample cases and questions derived from the experiences of the participants.

Evidence Based Medicine in 4 Hours or Less: An Introductory Workshop

Thursday, February 8, 2007; 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

This 4 hour hands-on workshop will introduce participants to the fundamental steps of evidence based practice, including formulating well-built clinical questions, finding information efficiently, critically appraising the information, and applying the information to individual patient care applicable to a variety of clinical care settings. At the close of the workshop, participants should have a good idea what aspects of EBM they wish to pursue in their own continuing education. Presenters include: Virginia A. Moyer, MD, MPH and Charles G. Macias MD, MPH, Baylor College of Medicine.

Toolkit to Survive in Academic Medicine

Thursday, February 8, 2007; 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

This workshop is designed for senior fellows and junior faculty who want to succeed in academic medicine. The workshop will outline clinician-scientist and clinician educator track in academic medicine and tips/tools to survive and succeed. Specific details of expectations for various tracks in research, service and teaching will be presented. Participants will have opportunity to discuss the challenges and barriers to succeed in academic medicine in panel discussion session. In addition participants will be paired with a mentor for tailored discussion of their curriculum vitae and will leave with concrete examples of how to get to the next level.

Changing Incentives to Improve the Quality of Care

Thursday, February 8, 2007; 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

This special symposium will focus on how physician pay-for-performance (P4P) incentive programs at the Veteran's Administration and other health systems are impacting clinical and academic medicine. Participants will learn about model P4P programs including the structure of incentive programs and specific core quality measures aimed at improving care quality. A panel of experts from both VA and non-VA health systems will provide overviews of their systems followed by open dialogue with attendees about the benefits and downsides to such incentive programs.

Clinical Case Symposium

Thursday, February 8, 2007; 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

The Adult or Pediatric Clinical Case Symposium is devoted to the presentation and discussion of clinical case abstracts highlighting diagnostic and/or management issues. Clinical case descriptions, unique characteristics, treatment/interventions, and results/outcomes are all suitable for presentation at the Clinical Case Symposium. There will be two concurrent sessions: Adult and Pediatrics. A subset of abstracts will be selected for presentation and there will be a discussion among the authors, participants and experts in the field. At the time of abstract submission, the appropriate abstract category must be checked in order to be considered for the Adult or Pediatric Clinical Case Symposium.

Southern Awards

Listed below is a description of awards for which you may apply on the electronic submission form. The purpose of these awards is to stimulate participation in the 2007 Southern Regional Meetings. Please choose the appropriate award on the pull-down menu if you are eligible and wish to receive an award. If the box **is not** checked, you **will not** be considered for an award. To be eligible for an award, **you must apply at the time of abstract submission**. You must choose only one award (either SAFMR/SSCI or SSPR), matching the award to the society(ies) to which you and your mentor belong. You **must** check all that apply since some are members of more than one society.

SAFMR/SSCI Awards

To be eligible for the SAFMR/SSCI awards, you or your mentor (in the case of students and trainees) **MUST** be a member in good standing of AFMR or SSCI. You may choose to become a member at the time of the award. In this case, your membership fee will be deducted from the award amount.

- ◆ **SAFMR/SSCI Student Research Award:** These awards recognize students who are currently in training and accomplished in research at the plenary session in New Orleans and award funds are intended to defray the costs for participation in the meeting. The awardee must be the first author/presenter of the abstract accepted for presentation at the 2007 meeting. **SAFMR/SSCI awardees must be present at the SAFMR/SSCI plenary session to receive this award.**
- ◆ **SAFMR/SSCI Trainee Award:** These awards recognize residents and fellows who are currently in training and recognize excellence among these groups at the plenary session in New Orleans and award funds are intended to defray the costs for participation in the meeting. The awardee must be the first author/presenter of the abstract accepted for presentation at the 2007 meeting. **SAFMR/SSCI awardees must be present at the SAFMR/SSCI plenary session to receive this award.**
- ◆ **SAFMR/SSCI Young Faculty Award:** The purpose of these awards is to stimulate participation by faculty at the instructor and assistant professor level. Awards will be given to the young investigators with the top rated abstract in each subspecialty as judged by a committee of the officers of SAFMR and SSCI. The awardee must be the first author/presenter of an abstract accepted for presentation at the 2007 meeting. **SAFMR/SSCI awardees must be present at the SAFMR/SSCI plenary session to receive this award.** Only faculty at the instructor and assistant professor level are eligible for these awards.

The top-rated abstracts among the SAFMR/SSCI awardees will be presented at the Plenary Session of the Southern Section-American Federation for Medical Research and Southern Society for Clinical Investigation.

- ◆ **SSCI Young Investigator Award:** The SSCI Young Investigator Awards are offered to recognize and encourage excellence in investigation by physicians and medical students during research training. Eligibility: medical students, combined MD/PhD students, interns, residents, and post-doctoral physicians who are in research training or were in research training as of June 2006 are eligible. Postdoctoral research training may be considered to extend for a period of up to three years and time spent in strictly clinical fellowships need not count against this. The applicant must be the first author of the abstract submitted in competition for the award and plan to present the paper during the scientific sessions of the Southern Regional Meetings. Please note that it is not necessary for the senior author to be a member of SSCI. Applicants for this award are encouraged to apply for the appropriate SAFMR/SSCI Award as well. For consideration of this award, the abstract has to suggest: 1) investigator-initiated; 2) hypothesis-driven basic, clinical or behavioral research; 3) conducted in a mode of discovery; 4) whose study design, findings and conclusions satisfied the proposed hypothesis; and 4) findings have or will have the potential to advance the practice of medicine. **Nomination letters from the senior investigator or mentor and the division director or department chairman are required and should include a statement of the candidate's role in the study. The letters should be received no later than October 16.** The letter should be sent to Joan Kemp, Executive Director, Southern Society for Clinical Investigation, 1802 Sixth Avenue South, NP 2555, Birmingham, AL 35294-3300 (fax – 205-975-7428 or email – joan.kemp@ccc.uab.edu)

SSPR Awards

These awards are for work intimately related to **pediatric** research. **MUST** be an SSPR member or have a sponsor who is an SSPR member. The candidates **must** check the appropriate award box in order to be considered. You cannot apply for the other society awards if applying for SSPR Awards. The Member/Sponsor name must also be filled in on the electronic submission form.

- ◆ **SSPR Young Investigator Award:** Eligible candidates include students, residents, fellows, and young faculty who are currently within 5 years of the completion of fellowship training. The nominee must be first author/presenter of the abstract accepted for presentation. **A letter from the senior investigator or sponsor** that includes a statement that the work was performed by the nominee and fully addresses the role the candidate had in the work must be sent by October 3, 2006 to Jatinder Bhatia, President, SSPR, Medical College of Georgia, Departments of Pediatrics/Neonatology, 1120 Fifteenth St., BIW 6033, Augusta, GA 30912-3740 (jatindeb@mail.mcg.edu). Three finalists for Basic or Clinical Science research will be selected and are required to submit a manuscript and present the study at the SSPR Plenary Session. Finalists will receive a stipend of \$400 to facilitate attendance at the meeting. The candidates **must** check the appropriate award box in order to be considered and **must** designate either Basic or Clinical Science Division.
- ◆ **SSPR Young Faculty Award:** The candidate must be an Instructor or Assistant Professor and within 5 years of the completion of fellowship training. They must be first author/presenter of the abstract accepted for presentation. 10 awardees will receive a travel stipend of \$400. Faculty that are candidates for the SSPR Young Investigator Awards will automatically be entered in this competition. This award is to facilitate travel for outstanding young faculty.
- ◆ **SSPR/APA Trainee Travel Award:** The candidate must be a student, resident, or fellow. They must be the first author/presenter of the abstract accepted for presentation. Approximately 30 winning candidates will receive a travel stipend of \$400. Trainees that are candidates for the SSPR Young Investigator Awards will automatically be entered in this competition.

Southern Regional Meeting Hotel Reservation Request

NOTE: Please mark below the type of accommodations requested. Reservations must be guaranteed with a deposit by check or one of the credit cards listed below. If you are unable to keep your guaranteed reservation, please cancel prior to 72 hours of the arrival date and obtain a cancellation number to avoid being billed for one night's accommodations. If the accommodation rate requested is unavailable, a room at the nearest available rate will be reserved. All rooms are subject to applicable taxes. Your reservations must be received by **January 7, 2007** to qualify for the 2007 Southern Regional Meetings conference rates. Reservations received after this date are subject to applicable rates and availability.

FULL NAME _____ NAME OF ROOMMATE _____

INSTITUTION _____ DAYTIME PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____ COUNTRY _____

ARRIVAL DATE (Check in after 4:00 PM) _____

DEPARTURE DATE (Check out before 12:00 PM) _____

Method of Guarantee

Reservations must be guaranteed with a deposit of the first night's room and tax. Deposit by check/money order must be enclosed. Make check payable to the *Hotel Inter-Continental*.

Guarantee accommodations by credit card (check appropriate card below).

Amex Carte Blanche Discover Diners Club MasterCard Visa

CARD NUMBER _____ EXPIRATION DATE _____

SIGNATURE _____ NAME OF CARDHOLDER _____

Room Rates

Single/Double Occupancy \$195.00
Triple/Quad Occupancy \$225.00/\$255.00

All room rates are per night and are subject to applicable taxes. Your reservations must be received by **January 7, 2007** in order to qualify for the 2007 Southern Regional Meetings conference rates. Reservations received after this date are subject to applicable rates and availability. (Please refer to the conference as the Southern Meetings when making reservations).

MAIL, PHONE, FAX OR RESERVE ON-LINE YOUR RESERVATION:

Hotel Inter-Continental

444 St. Charles Avenue

New Orleans, LA 70130-3171

Phone: (800) 445-6563; (504) 525-5566; Fax: (504) 585-4387

Website: <http://www.ichotelsgroup.com/h/d/ic/1/en/cwshome/DPRD-6QPJXS/MSYHA>

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

Deadline: February 6, 2007

Online registration available: www.cme.tulane.edu

Southern Regional Meetings

Hotel Inter-Continental
444 St. Charles Avenue
New Orleans, Louisiana
February 8-10, 2007

Sponsored by:

International Academy of Cardiovascular Sciences - North American Chapter
Southern Section American Federation for Medical Research
Southern Society for Clinical Investigation
Southern Society for Pediatric Research
Ambulatory Pediatric Association
American Physiological Society

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MAILING ADDRESS			
CITY	STATE	ZIPCODE	COUNTRY

REGISTRATION FEES

The registration fee is for members of AFMR, SSCI, SSPR, APA, IACS-NA, and APS. On-site registration fees will be increased by \$25 for all categories. Please indicate your membership type below.

Member \$175 Trainee \$75 Non-member \$215
 AFMR IACS-NA SSCI SSPR APA APS

SSGIM members: Registration fees and forms available at <http://www.sgim.org/Southern.cfm>

WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

The Workshops are held on Thursday, February 8, 2007. **Preregistration is requested** to attend any of the workshops being held at the Southern Regional Meetings. There are no additional fees but you must check the appropriate box of the **one** you wish to attend.

Manuscript Preparation and Peer-Reviewed Publication ♦ 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM
 Evidence Based Medicine in 4 Hours or Less: An Introductory Workshop ♦ 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM
 Toolkit to Survive in Academic Medicine ♦ 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM
 Changing Incentives to Improve the Quality of Care ♦ 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

METHOD OF PAYMENT

Check enclosed (made payable to **Tulane University Health Sciences - CCE** in US dollars/US bank)

Charge \$_____ to my VISA MASTERCARD Card #: _____ Exp Date: _____

Signature: _____

Special needs as designated by the ADA: _____ Dietary restrictions: _____

MAIL, FAX OR REGISTER ON-LINE:

Southern Regional Meetings ♦ Center for Continuing Education ♦ Tulane University Health Sciences Center ♦ 1430 Tulane Ave TB-51 ♦ New Orleans, LA 70112-2699 ♦ Fax: 504/988-1779 ♦ On line: www.cme.tulane.edu

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION OBJECTIVES: After participating in this continuing education activity, the participant should be better able to: comprehend knowledge and skills in various areas of basic and clinical research; apply knowledge gained in all areas of investigation and research; and understand and utilize new academic and research tools for teaching and practicing medicine.

ACCREDITATION: This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and Policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint sponsorship of Tulane University Health Sciences Center and the Southern Regional Meetings. Tulane University Health Sciences Center is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

DESIGNATION: Tulane University Health Sciences Center designates this educational activity for a maximum of (TBD) *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity. Tulane University Health Sciences Center presents this activity for educational purposes only and does not endorse any product, content of presentation or exhibit. Participants are expected to utilize their own expertise and judgment while engaged in the practice of medicine. The content of the presentations is provided solely by presenters who have been selected because of their recognized expertise.

DISCLOSURE: It is the policy of the Center for Continuing Education at Tulane University Health Sciences Center to plan and implement all of its educational activities in accordance with the ACCME's Essential Areas and Policies to ensure balance, independence, objectivity and scientific rigor. In accordance with the ACCME's 2004 Standards for Commercial Support, everyone who is in a position to control the content of an educational activity certified for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™* is required to disclose all relevant financial relationships with any commercial interests within the past 12 months that creates a real or apparent conflict of interest. Individuals who do not disclose are disqualified from participating in a CME activity. Individuals with potential for influence or control of CME content include planners and planning committee members, authors, teachers, educational activity directors, educational partners, and others who participate, e.g. facilitators and moderators. This disclosure pertains to relationships with pharmaceutical companies, biomedical device manufacturers or other corporations whose products or services are related to the subject matter of the presentation topic. Any real or apparent conflicts of interest related to the content of the presentations must be resolved prior to the educational activity. Disclosure of off-label, experimental or investigational use of drugs or devices must also be made known to the audience.