

**NYU Hospital for Joint Diseases
Rheumatology Fellowship Program**

June 8, 2012

Dear Dr. Richard Burt,

Thank you for accepting our invitation to participate in the NYU Post-Graduate Medical School upcoming CME activity entitled, *Rheumatology Grand Rounds* to be held **on May 2nd, 2013** at the **NYU Medical Center, Smilow 1st Floor Seminar Room**. Educational grants will not be sought to support this CME activity.

ACCME Standards for Commercial Support

As an accredited CME sponsor, the NYU Post-Graduate Medical School requires that its presenters comply with the Updated ACCME *Standards for Commercial Support of CME*. We will disclose to our participants if this CME activity is supported by educational grants. As a member of our faculty, you are required to do the following:

- Disclose any relevant financial relationships that you and your spouse/domestic partner may have with any commercial interest whose products or services you will discuss as part of your presentation
- Design a presentation that is independent, objective, scientifically rigorous, balanced and free of bias
- Assure that scientific studies utilized or referenced in your presentation are from sources acceptable to the scientific and medical community
- Include patient care recommendations that are acceptable to the medical community and do not recommend any unscientific modalities or those not supported by evidenced based source
- Maintain independence from any commercial supporters regarding the development of the activity content

In addition, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) requires that disclosure be made to learners of unlabeled or unapproved uses of drugs or devices contained in presentations. Please be sure to disclose to learners when you are discussing unlabeled or unapproved uses of drugs or devices.

Toward these ends, we ask that you complete and sign the **Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form** that is enclosed. NYU will use this information to (1) determine if a conflict exists, (2) utilize the information to resolve the conflict by initiating a peer review process, and (3) advise learners of this information. Please note that ACCME policy requires all CME providers to disqualify planners or presenters that do not supply this information. In order to comply with ACCME policies, your form must be returned to us **no later than April 1st, 2013**. Because of the need to analyze relationships and resolve conflicts, you must submit this information within the time limit provided. NYU reserves the right to rescind our invitation if relationship information is not submitted in a timely manner.

Would you also kindly send me your biosketch or a short cv for introduction purposes.