**TIMELINES**

**Proposal Submission Deadline**
March 15th, 2022, (unless responding to call for concepts or RFP – please follow supporter guidelines/process; if more time is needed for supporter review, i.e., 90 days, please reach out)

**Medical Education/Communications Company (MEC)**

**Application Deadline:**
- Concept Paper (include components as requested by supporter) or Full Proposal (to include the following)
  - Letter of Request
  - Title
  - Full Needs Assessment (with references)
  - Needs Assessment Summary (1000 characters)
  - Agenda
  - Faculty
  - Education/Delivery Format
  - Target Audience/Expected Reach
  - Audience Generation
  - Outcomes Measurement (including outcomes level)
- Proposed Budget (in *Endocrine Society format* only)
- Letter of Agreement for the ES/MEC partnership

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| March 7th | Deadline for submission of revised/final MEC proposal and supporting documents (proposal, budget). |

| Upon Proposal Approval from Endocrine Society | MEC to formally submit proposal to Commercial Supporter, unless otherwise specified per funder guidelines |

**Upon Official Approval by the Commercial Supporter:**

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### ENDO 2022 SYMPOSIUM DETAILS

#### Location
- As of June 2021, the ENDO 2022 Annual Meeting is planned as a hybrid approach. For proactive planning, we also intend to provide all CMES sessions on the ENDO meeting virtual platform. These will be virtual live presentations. The live Q&A segment will be only available to the live audience attending (member/non-member, meeting registrants/non-registrants). The Society reserves the right to convert the in-person portion of the meeting to virtual.

#### Session Selection
- Session time slots are provided on a first come, first served basis
- The Endocrine Society will provide the MEC with available time slots upon receiving the official approval or letter of agreement

#### ENDO 2022 Space Availability
- ENDO 2022 will be hybrid (in-person and live virtual). Each CMES session will accommodate 300 in-person participants.
- CMES programs will be held between June 11th -14th. Exact Time slots will be based on the hybrid ENDO schedule
- CMES programs will last 1.5 hours. If desired, the programs will be recorded and hosted on education.endocrine.org to extend reach as an enduring.
- ENDO 2022 CMES programs are projected to reach 500 live participants (300 of which will be in-person learners) and 600 enduring participants (if added)
- The Endocrine Society will make all effort to not schedule multiple symposia of the same therapeutic area concurrently. Therefore, space reservations are made on a first-come, first-served basis. Priority date/time assignments will be given to companies in the order that funding is received.

#### Total Anticipated ENDO 2022 Attendance
- 6,000+ Scientific Attendees
- 7,500+ Total Attendees
ANCILLARY SYMPOSIUM INFORMATION

- The following Ancillary Symposia Information will be provided to the MEC upon approval of grant. This includes:
  1. Presentation Guidelines
  2. Front Matter Template
  3. Intro Slides Template
  4. Powerpoint slide design template
  5. Evaluation Template/Link
  6. Staff Disclosure Form (link)

GRANT APPLICATION

- Prior to submission to commercial supporter, the MEC must provide the Society with:
  o Concept proposal
  o Full proposal (if concept is approved)
  o Proposed budget in Endocrine Society format only
  o Letter of Agreement for the ES/MEC partnership
- The MEC will submit proposal to the sponsor.
  o To the best of its ability, the Society will return all MEC applications with SPC review within two weeks of receiving a final copy. The MEC will provide the Society with email confirmation of submission.
  o Final proposals and supporting documentation are expected no later than COB March 7th, 2022. Deadline extensions are not to be expected.
- The MEC must list the Endocrine Society as the payee
  o If the MEC receives the payment from the sponsor, the MEC must provide the Endocrine Society with their portion of the program budget 30 days prior to the program
- Upon approval by the commercial supporter, the Society will send the MEC a link to complete the Staff Disclosure of Financial Relationship & Resolution of Conflicts of Interest Form

LOGISTICS

- Registration and Attendance
  o The Endocrine Society will manage/contract advance and virtual registration
  o Registration headcount will be provided to the MEC one week and two weeks before the program date
  o Attendance demographics will be provided to the MEC three weeks after program completion
- Recording
  o If desired, the program can be recorded by the Endocrine Society’s ENDO 2022 platform contractor and hosted on education.endocrine.org. This option is included on the budget template.

FACULTY CORRESPONDENCE AND CONTENT DEVELOPMENT

- Selecting Faculty
  o The Endocrine Society will appoint a Special Programs Committee (SPC) liaison to oversee the program. The SPC liaison will select the Program Chair
  o The Program Chair, with the SPC liaison, will determine accompanying faculty
  o The Endocrine Society will manage the invitation and confirmation process for the
program chair and faculty

- The MEC may not contact faculty members unless written permission to do so is granted by the Endocrine Society (failure to abide by this requirement may result in cancellation of the symposium, withdrawal of the CME accreditation, and can jeopardize eligibility for involvement with future programs). Should permission be granted, the Endocrine Society should be copied in all communications to faculty.

• Conflicts of Interest
  - The Endocrine Society will collect faculty and MEC staff disclosure information and will resolve/manage all conflicts of interest
    - Complete disclosure information will be provided to the MEC by the Society for inclusion in the digital handout.
  - All persons in a position to control content at the MEC must complete an online Financial Disclosure Form prior to contributing to that activity (provided by the Endocrine Society)
  - Additional information about how the Endocrine Society manages Conflicts of Interest can be found in Appendix B

• Program Development
  - Upon confirmation of all faculty by the Endocrine Society, the MEC will schedule a conference call with the complete faculty and Society staff to discuss activity agenda, content, learning objectives, and logistics
    - After the conference call, the MEC can contact the faculty, but must copy Endocrine Society staff on all email correspondence and content development correspondence. Likewise, Society staff must participate in all conference calls with faculty.
  - The MEC will work with the faculty to facilitate development of symposium materials. Endocrine Society staff must be copied on ALL communications, including conference calls, between the MEC and faculty

• Slide Review
  - The MEC will submit presentation slides to the Society for review and approval 3 weeks prior to the symposium
  - The MEC will hold a virtual teleconference slide review with faculty and society representatives one week prior to the symposium

• Recording
  - Sessions will be digitally recorded by the Society with the assistance of the digital platform representative.
  - The Society will obtain permission from the faculty before recording the sessions.
  - No other recordings are permitted without prior permission.

MARKETING

A. General
  - The MEC may develop marketing materials for the activity
  - The Endocrine Society must review and approve all marketing-related materials, including signage, promotional material, and slides for handout production and presentation in advance of the meeting. **Material will require at least 5 business days for review.**
  - The MEC should send print materials no later than 6 weeks from ENDO 2022.

B. ENDO 2022 Meeting and Expo Guide
  - The Endocrine Society will compile all ads into the Meeting and Expo Guide, which
will be distributed to attendees. Costs for this item are included in the Society’s budget format.

C. Program Guide Inserts
   o The MEC should develop a digital poster inserts and provide to Endocrine Society to be distributed on the ENDO 2022 conference platform.
   o The insert must be provided to the Endocrine Society for approval 45 days before the program date.
   o Costs for this item are included in the Society’s budget format; the MEC is responsible for costs associated with printing and shipping the insert.

D. Guidelines for Promotional Pieces
   o The Endocrine Society must approve all promotional material in advance of digital promotions. The Society reserves the right to deny any request and to edit promotional copy for consistency and accuracy.

E. Logo Requirements
   o The Endocrine Society’s logo must be present on all promotional material (e.g., flyers, posters, syllabus, etc.).
   o Endocrine Society staff will provide digital formats of the Society’s logo for use.

ACCREDITATION AND EVALUATION
- The Endocrine Society will serve as the sole ACCME-accredited provider
- The Endocrine Society will develop, distribute, and process the activity evaluation and CME certificates for the attendees (unless otherwise agreed upon by the parties)
  o The standard evaluation form is included in the Ancillary Symposia Information Packet.
    ▪ MECs may add questions required by other accrediting bodies, pending approval of the Endocrine Society
  o All evaluations are hosted online. The survey link will be provided to the MEC to include in the handout material. Attendees will receive an email with the survey link following the program.
- The MEC will create a final outcomes report (and interim report if requested) for the commercial supporter.
  o The Society will provide attendance and evaluation data for inclusion in the report
  o All reports must be in the format required by the funder's online grant system. Supporting documentation can be provided and will be provided as an attachment (if allowed by supporter).
  o The final outcomes report is to be submitted 60 days after the program, or per supporter guidelines
- The Endocrine Society is also able provide ABIM and ABP MOC points, if requested.

FINANCIAL
- Budget
  o The Endocrine Society will provide the MEC with ES budget fees. The MEC will include their fees for the program.
  o The budget must be drafted in the Endocrine Society budget template.
- Funding
  o As required for ACCME compliance, funding for the symposium must be paid directly to the Endocrine Society by the funding sponsor in the form of an educational grant from the supporter.
- Commercial supporter will make initial payment for the educational grant per:
  - The grant office standard operating procedures
  - Once the Society receives payment from the commercial supporter, the MEC may request 90% of its estimated budget.
- If the MEC receives the payment from the sponsor, the MEC must provide the Endocrine Society with their portion of the program budget within 30 days or 30 days prior to the program, whichever is sooner.

- **Reconciliation**
  - The MEC will submit financial reconciliation in Society budget format and final invoice within 8 weeks (or earlier if required by the funder) following the event
  - Once the Society receives the final payment from the commercial supporter and the reconciliation is complete, the Society will provide final payment to the MEC
    - If the final reconciliation is not received by the supporter deadline, the Society will submit the MEC budgeted amount to the supporter and will notify the supporter of the non-compliance with these requirements. The Society will then hold final payment to the MEC until final reconciliation is received. The MEC will not be reimbursed for more than the budgeted amount.

- **Physician Payments Sunshine Act**
  - The MEC will comply with all supporter required Physician Payments Sunshine Act requests.

- **Honoraria Reimbursements**
  - The Society will serve as sole payer of speaker honoraria.

**CANCELLATION POLICY**
In the event that applicable MEC fees have been paid out and the MEC decides to no longer collaborate on the program, the Society will request a refund and invoice the MEC for a cancellation fee of $4,500 plus out-of-pocket expenses incurred for the program. The deadline for cancellation is May 5, 2022.

**CONTACT**
All parties interested in collaborating with the Society should email Emmanuella Kiyieih, Grants Manager of Development and Strategic Partnerships, at ekiyieih@endocrine.org to express interest or any questions regarding submission.
APPENDICES

APPENDIX A: REFERENCE MATERIALS FOR PROPOSAL DEVELOPMENT

Accreditation
ACCME Provider Number: 0000208
The Endocrine Society is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians. In July of 2021, the Society was awarded a consecutive term of Accreditation with Commendation. Any CME-accredited activity developed in conjunction with the Society will meet the stringent requirements of the ACCME’s Essential Areas and Elements, including the Updated Criteria for Accreditation and Standards for Commercial Support. As the accredited provider of the activity, the Society is responsible for its development, educational content, and scientific integrity.

Endocrine Society Tax ID Number
73-0531256

About the Endocrine Society
Founded in 1916, Endocrine Society is currently the world's largest and most active organization devoted to hormone research and the clinical practice of endocrinology. As a recognized leader in developing educational activities to propel research and improve practice, the Society serves the needs of more than 18,000 physicians and scientists from over 119 countries. Members represent the full range of disciplines that include clinicians, researchers, educators, fellows and students, industry professionals, and allied healthcare professionals. Our educational focus is defined in our mission: to advance excellence in endocrinology. We seek support for activities that respond to the educational needs of our members and the broader medical community who carry out endocrine research and treat patients with endocrine diseases and disorders. Endocrine Society will leverage this global community to maximize the reach and impact of this activity.

About ENDO 2022
ENDO 2022 will occur June 11-14 in Atlanta, GA. ENDO is the seminal meeting in hormone health and science, welcoming leading experts, researchers, and the most respected clinicians in the field to share the latest developments in endocrine research and patient care. The meeting consistently attracts thousands of endocrine professionals – with 7,339 attending in 2021. For the first time in ENDO history, ENDO 2022 will allow participants to attend in-person, hybrid, or virtual sessions. ENDO 2022 will be the first opportunity in more than 2 years for professionals to gather safely in-person at this most-anticipated endocrine event. To harness this excitement, in-person attendees will have access to exclusive content, with 50+ in-person-only sessions offered in conjunction with the 100+ in-person and virtual sessions. Educational sessions presented as hybrid will have maximal reach. Professionals who are unable to travel or prefer the convenience of virtual conferences can seamlessly participate alongside in-person attendees.
As the “must-attend” event for practicing endocrinologists and hormone researchers, ENDO is a highly sought-after meeting. ENDO provides programs that encompass basic and clinical science and clinical care all at a single event. The conference strives to not only deliver the most comprehensive content to a wide-range global audience, but to also connect attendees with the leaders in the field for the latest treatment options, case-based content, and best practices in all areas of endocrine practice. These areas include topics ranging from diabetes, obesity, adrenal insufficiencies, and lipid disorders to reproduction and infertility, osteoporosis, thyroid disease, growth hormone disorders, pituitary.

Countries with top participation in the fully virtual ENDO 2021 meeting, highlighting the conference’s domestic and global reach.

Activity Development
The symposium agenda, including identification of speakers and topics, is developed by the Program Chair, who is selected by the Society’s Special Programs Committee (SPC). The Program Chair oversees development of the educational activity and exerts editorial control over the symposium content. The Society will designate an SPC Liaison from the committee to review final activity content (prior to inclusion in the activity handout) and provide peer review to resolve any reported conflicts of interest as indicated by the faculty on their financial disclosure forms.

In accordance with the ACCME Standards for Commercial Support, everyone participating in the development of the educational content is required to provide disclosure information, and any conflicts of interest will be managed through the Society’s mechanism to resolve conflicts of interest.
Types of Activities
The Society’s CME program offers virtual and live activities, including symposia, conferences, workshops, and lectures. In addition, we offer manuscript review, and enduring materials and self-assessment products, both in print and online, including monographs, and audio-, video- and web-based formats designed to provide flexibility and accommodate the learning needs and preferences of our target audiences.

Content Areas
The Society’s CME program consists of, but is not limited to, endocrine-related topics based on needs assessment in clinical practice, medical research, medical technology, clinical pathways, outcomes management, quality of care, managed care, and other relevant issues and concerns of endocrinologists.

Target Audience
The Society’s CME activities are designed to meet the educational needs of endocrinologists (physicians and fellows), internists, primary care physicians, endocrine nurses, and other advanced practice professionals.

Expected Results
The primary expectation for these activities is to increase awareness among healthcare professionals and enhance patient care regarding the: a) scope and clinical implications associated with endocrine disorders; b) current screening, diagnostic, and clinical management strategies for endocrine disorders; and c) current research pertaining to endocrine and endocrine-related disorders.

Outcomes Measurement
All educational activities developed by the Special Programs Committee are evaluated for their effectiveness and balance using several methods, including online participant evaluation forms, CME Reviewer evaluations, and speaker/faculty post-program discussion.

1. Pre- and Post-Test Option
Optional enhancements to the virtual or live activity evaluation process may include pre- and post-tests that use clinical case vignettes and/or medical knowledge questions specific to the symposium content to measure specific changes in participant practice behavior. Pre-registrants are tested prior to the symposium. The Endocrine Society will send all pre- and post-tests. Data will be made available to the faculty and MECs to demonstrate educational impact.

2. Audience Response System Option
Audience response polling may be used during the virtual or live presentation to assess knowledge and clinical decision making via case vignettes. Such audience response polling technology allows faculty to pose questions in the context of clinical cases to measure key clinical concepts before and after presentation of intervention content, thereby enabling measurement of changes in knowledge and competence.

3. Post-Activity Follow-Up Survey
Attendees are invited to participate in a follow-up survey 6-8 weeks after the meeting. Follow-up surveys examine the degree to which session objectives were met, whether attendees made improvements to clinical practice, and whether patients benefited from the changes. Participants are further asked to provide examples of improvements made, challenges or barriers encountered when attempting to implement change, and advice on what the Endocrine Society may be able to do to help address the challenges. Participants are once again asked to list topics where additional education is needed.
ENDURING ACTIVITY DESCRIPTIONS
ENDO Session Recordings
The ENDO 2022 Session Recordings include the audio and slide capture of clinical and translational highlights from the Annual Meeting program. The ancillary symposium activity may be included in the session recordings for one year after the virtual live presentation. The ancillary symposia sessions recordings will be available free to all via the online library at sessions.endocrine.org and education.endocrine.org. This CME-accredited enduring activity will be available for 12 months following activity launch.

PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL
The Endocrine Society will provide the following marketing opportunities for all CMES symposia at ENDO 2022, if the activity is developed following the timeline listed in prior sections of the application guidelines.

• Digital
  o ENDO 2022 Meeting and Expo Planner (7,500+)
    ▪ Support must be received 45 days before program to acknowledge support
  o ENDO Daily Schedule (a supplement to the Daily Newspaper) (~4,500 daily)
  o Online signage (8,000+)
  o Announcement in the Worldwide Endocrine Events Calendar on the Society’s website (100,000+ unique visitors monthly)
  o ENDO 2022 scientific program website (95,000+ unique visits)
  o Pre-Meeting Announcements (4,600+/Issue)
  o Promotion in emails sent daily during ENDO 2022 (4,600+ per email)
  o ENDO App pageviews (1,000,000+)
  o Social Media Promotion
    ▪ Facebook (27,000+ followers)
    ▪ Twitter (16,000+ followers)
    ▪ Instagram (1,600+ followers)

APPENDIX B: CONFLICTS OF INTEREST
The Endocrine Society has a process to identify, assess, and resolve potential conflicts to ensure that educational content presented is free of commercial bias. Content is vetted and modified using a process that includes disclosures of personal financial relationships; internal and external expert peer reviews of content to ensure balance and objectivity; modifications to content as appropriate; and referencing peer-reviewed sources.

Financial relationships with relevant commercial interests are included in the disclosure-to-participant information for each CME-certified activity prior to the start of the activity.