

## PRINCIPLES OF PARTNERSHIP

LUGPA partners with companies and organizations to advance our mission: *to preserve and advance the independent practice of urology*. These companies and organizations share our commitment to this same goal as well as providing education and research to enhance and optimize urological patient healthcare.

LUGPA solicits financial contributions from pharmaceutical, biotechnology, and other corporate entities to support a variety of LUGPA activities, including our member practice and resident/fellowship physician's educational programs and resources, our annual CME scientific meeting, our cancer academies, our web based educational programs and our annual/regional member practice meetings. These financial contributions can be in the form of grants and sponsorships. LUGPA enters into these partnerships under the following principles:

- LUGPA will independently develop educational programs, scientific research programs and public policy positions. LUGPA will retain sole control over the content of all its programs and activities.
- LUGPA will not accept funding that requires exclusivity for any project.
- LUGPA will endeavor to secure multiple sources of financial support for each of its programs for which it solicits corporate contributions.
- LUGPA and its corporate partners will respect the privacy of our patients and LUGPA will not share any personal patient or family information.
- The results of any research or survey conducted by any third party through LUGPA will be shared with LUGPA.
- LUGPA will not endorse or promote a specific product or treatment when partnering with or receiving financial support from any company.
- LUGPA will provide information to its member groups about clinical trials but will not seek to influence physician or patients' choices about whether to participate in a clinical trial.
- LUGPA and its consultants will maintain a written record of the request for support to any corporate entity, including details as to the program(s) to be funded, the amount requested, and the amount received.
- LUGPA will maintain a listing on its website of corporate entities that provide financial support, including the programs or activities that were funded.
- Any member of LUGPA's Board of Directors must disclose any financial or advisory relationship he/she has with any association, pharmaceutical or biotechnology company, and where appropriate, may be recused from Board discussions regarding any partnership with such company (For further detail, see COI policy).