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**OREF expands funding partner base and increases total funding 88%
for 2010-2011 Clinician Development Program**

ROSEMONT, IL – January 20, 2010 – The Orthopaedic Research and Education Foundation (OREF) today announced commitments from 12 funding partners totaling \$7,513,750 for Clinician Development Program (CDP) grants in support of 2010-2011 graduate medical education (GME) fellowships, continuing medical education (CME) courses, residency enhancement programs, and clinically relevant research projects. This result represents an 88% increase in support over last year when seven partners provided \$3,985,000 for 2009-2010 grants.

Companies contributing to the \$7.5 million funding pool for 2010-2011 CDP grants are: DePuy Spine, DePuy Orthopaedics, Biomet, Medtronic, Smith & Nephew, Stryker, Pfizer, DJO Incorporated, Exactech, Synthes North America, Wright Medical Technology, and Orthofix. The 12 CDP funding partners for 2010-2011 include six continuing and five new companies, for an 85% renewal rate and a 71% increase in the number of companies participating over the prior academic year.

Established in 2008, OREF's CDP is a successful new model for grant making that facilitates corporate support for orthopaedic education and research grants while complying with federal mandates and reflecting best practices for transparency, independence, and accountability. All aspects of the program — inviting applications, evaluating applicant programs against qualification criteria, selecting and notifying grant recipients, disbursing grant monies, and managing reports and archives — reside with OREF and are free from donor bias.

Approved by monitors appointed by the U.S. Department of Justice for three orthopaedic device manufacturers, the CDP grant selection process is directed and overseen by the OREF Educational Grants Board, which is comprised of prominent orthopaedic surgeons with no industry conflicts.

"We applaud industry's response to the call for greater support for ongoing research and quality education and training for orthopaedic surgeons at all career stages, so essential to the quality care that our patients deserve," said William P. Cooney III, OREF board chair. "OREF is proud of the success of the Clinician Development Program to date and will push hard for continued expansion."

About OREF

Founded in 1955, the [Orthopaedic Research and Education Foundation \(OREF\)](http://www.oref.org) is an independent, non-member, non-profit organization that receives donations from companies and individuals to foster clinically relevant research and education in orthopaedics. OREF is the leading and most experienced administrator of grants for the advancement of orthopaedic specialty care, having awarded more than 3,400 grants and awards totaling \$98 million through September 2009.

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