



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Smith & Nephew renews \$1 million commitment to
OREF Clinician Development Program for 2010-2011**

ROSEMONT, IL – January 28, 2010 – The Orthopaedic Research and Education Foundation (OREF) today announced that Smith & Nephew, a longtime OREF Corporate Associate, has renewed its \$1 million commitment to the foundation's [Clinician Development Program \(CDP\)](#).

Smith & Nephew is unique among OREF CDP partners in contributing to three CDP grant categories — in support of graduate medical education fellowships, residency enhancement programs, and continuing medical education courses — for the 2010-2011 academic year. The company has allocated its support for fellowship grants to adult reconstruction.

"We were very pleased with the Clinician Development Program in 2009 and are looking forward to continuing our support in 2010," said Peter Heeckt, M.D., chief medical officer of Smith & Nephew Orthopaedics. "By directing a portion of our contribution to the residency enhancement program this year, we are able to support the next generation of orthopaedic surgeons even earlier in their education continuum."

"We appreciate Smith & Nephew's ongoing support of OREF's mission and welcome its renewed commitment to contribute to skill development throughout the orthopaedic surgeon's career cycle," said William P. Cooney III, M.D., OREF board chair. "We are pleased to provide Smith & Nephew an independent, transparent, and unbiased grant-making system through the OREF Clinician Development Program."

About the OREF Clinician Development Program

Established in 2008, OREF's CDP is a successful new model for grant making. It facilitates corporate support for orthopaedic education and research grants while complying with federal mandates and reflecting best practices for transparency, independence, and accountability. OREF CDP grants support graduate medical education (GME) fellowships, residency enhancement programs, continuing medical education (CME) courses, and clinically relevant research.

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.

About Smith & Nephew

Smith & Nephew is a global medical technology business, specializing in Orthopaedics, including Reconstruction, Trauma and Clinical Therapies, Endoscopy and Advanced Wound Management. Smith & Nephew is a global leader in arthroscopy and advanced wound management and is one of the leading global orthopaedics companies. Smith & Nephew is dedicated to helping improve people's lives. The Company prides itself on the strength of its relationships with its surgeons and professional healthcare customers, with whom its name is synonymous with high standards of performance, innovation and trust. The Company operates in 32 countries around the world. Annual sales in 2008 were \$3.8 billion.

About OREF

Founded in 1955, the [Orthopaedic Research and Education Foundation \(OREF\)](#) is an independent, non-member, nonprofit 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.

Contacts

Smith & Nephew	Andrew Burns	(901) 399-5739	Andrew.Burns@smith-nephew.com
OREF	Gene Wurth	(847) 384-4362	wurth@oref.org
	Judy Sherr	(847) 384-4356	sherr@oref.org