

Smith & Nephew Orthopaedics contributes to OMeGA Medical Grants Association
Contribution recognized for 2010-2011 academic year

(ROSEMONT, IL) June 28, 2010— OMeGA Medical Grants Association announced that Smith & Nephew Orthopaedics has donated \$100,000 in funding for the 2010-2011 academic year. Smith & Nephew Orthopaedics' contribution benefits the adult reconstruction sub-specialty category.

“OMeGA has been persistent in their focus on independence and creating systems to reduce and eliminate conflicts of interest and bias,” said Peter Heeckt, MD, chief medical officer of Smith & Nephew Orthopaedics. “We appreciate their perseverance and are pleased to support OMeGA and orthopaedic graduate medical education.”

“OMeGA, an independent, non-conflicted entity, was founded to support orthopaedic graduate medical education,” said C. McCollister Evarts, MD, President of OMeGA Medical Grants Association. “We appreciate Smith & Nephew Orthopaedics' support of OMeGA's mission, and look forward to a long relationship enhancing GME.”

OMeGA, now in its second year of operation, announced its grant recipients for the 2010-2011 academic year in early June. Forty-eight fellowship grants in nine sub-specialty categories and twenty-two residency/general education grants were awarded. Recipients included orthopaedic allopathic and osteopathic programs in the United States and Canada.

The unbiased OMeGA board and review committee evaluates applications based on objective orthopaedic criteria and thorough knowledge of academic environment. OMeGA's bifurcated review ranks programs in a blinded fashion based on objective criteria, rather than a random process.

About OMeGA Medical Grants Association

OMeGA Medical Grants Association is an independent, not-for-profit organization established in 2008. OMeGA awards and manages grants for orthopaedic graduate medical education through a consistent, accessible process designed to safeguard against potential conflicts of interest and ensure transparency in the allocation of resources. Visit www.omegamedicalgrants.org for more information.

About Smith & Nephew Orthopaedics

Smith & Nephew is a global medical technology business with global leadership positions in Orthopaedics; including Reconstruction, Trauma and Clinical Therapies; Sports Medicine; and Advanced Wound Management.

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 2009 were nearly \$3.8 billion.

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