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Agenda for: **October 19 - 21, 2009 Bethesda, Maryland**

CMOD Mission:

The mission of the international Partnership for Critical Markers of Disease (CMOD) is to accelerate the identification, validation and appropriate application of biomarkers in cardiovascular and related diseases.

Goal:

To create efficiencies toward improved patient healthcare. Toward this goal the partnership works to:

1. Provide scientifically rigorous and balanced information on established and novel biomarkers and imaging technologies;
2. Facilitate the cooperative exchange of ideas and information about critical biomarkers among clinical and basic scientists, governmental regulatory agencies, pharmaceutical, biotech and diagnostic companies, healthcare providers and patient groups;
3. Identify issues in biomarker identification and offer educational programs which provide access to the most current information on biomarker and related sciences to meet educational needs;
4. Promote and support collaborative initiatives to advance the identification, validation and application of biomarkers most efficiently.

Monday 1-6PM

Session 1

Biomarker innovations enabling drug and diagnostic development

Description: Individual experts will provide an overview of promising research across disease states, including the use of proteomics, genomics, and metabolomics. Industry representatives will provide examples of commercial applications of novel technologies.

Tuesday 8AM-3PM

Session 2

Regulatory Roundtable: How can biomarkers streamline the regulatory process?

Description: Representatives from FDA and Health Canada will provide their insights regarding the utility of biomarkers for use in drug development. This session will highlight recent controversies and provide examples of challenges, progress and ongoing efforts in this area.

Tuesday 3-6PM

Session 3

Streamlining clinical trials and communications

Description: Focusing on recently completed, and ongoing, large-scale cardiovascular clinical trials, the use of biomarkers will be reviewed and debated by experts in drug development, clinical trial design, translational medicine, economics, epidemiology and public health. Additionally, the need to accurately and effectively communicate clinical trial results to the medical community and the general public will be examined.

Wednesday 8AM-12PM

Session 4

Medical Imaging Update

Description: Imaging technologies have been pivotal in elucidating the mechanism behind cardiovascular and related diseases, as well as assessing the effectiveness of therapeutic intervention. This session will highlight the state of the art imaging technologies and their application in research and clinical practice settings. Industry representatives will provide examples of commercial applications of novel technologies.

Wednesday 12- 4PM

Session 5

Molecular Imaging Workshop (co- sponsored by SNM)

Description: Technological advances have empowered molecular imaging methods to elucidate pathophysiology, treat diseases and monitor therapeutic response. Advances in molecular imaging and the associated regulatory challenges will be examined by representatives from FDA, industry, academia, and professional societies.

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