

## **NCRA 2016 CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP LEVELS**

### **Corporate Membership Benefits at the Silver level (\$7,500) includes:**

- two (2) tables at our annual meeting,
- four (4) attendees at all events associated with annual meeting,
  - opportunity to bring two (2) additional representatives at the reduced rate of \$200/person
- four (4) conference notebooks provided at the conference
  - corporate logo in conference notebook on corporate membership page
  - corporate logo on cover of conference notebook
- four (4) conference flash drives (contains conference handouts and materials)
- podium recognition at conference and annual meeting,
- company name on brochure\* for annual meeting,
- company name on all correspondence announcing annual meeting after receipt of funds, and
- company name on NCRA website with link to your website
  - currently upgrading website
  - you provide link you would like NCRA to use

### **Corporate Membership at Gold level (\$10,000) includes:**

- two (2) tables at our annual meeting,
- six (6) attendees at all events associated with annual meeting,
  - opportunity to bring two (2) additional representatives at the reduced rate of \$200/person
- six (6) conference notebooks provided at the conference
  - corporate logo in conference notebook on corporate membership page
  - corporate logo on cover of conference notebook
- six (6) conference flash drives (contains conference handouts and materials)
- fifteen minute private meeting with NCRA executive board on the Friday before the annual meeting,
- podium recognition at conference and annual meeting,
- company name and logo on brochure\* for annual meeting,
- company name and logo on all correspondence announcing meeting after receipt of funds,
- company name on NCRA website with link to your website
  - currently upgrading website
  - you provide link you would like NCRA to use

\* if contract received by January 15, 2016

**Corporate Membership at Ruby level (\$15,000) includes:**

- two (2) tables at our annual meeting in a prime location,
- seven (7) attendees at all events associated with annual meeting,
  - opportunity to bring two (2) additional representatives at the reduced rate of \$200/person
- seven (7) conference notebooks provided at the conference
  - corporate logo in conference notebook on corporate membership page
  - corporate logo on cover of conference notebook
- seven (7) conference flash drives (contains conference handouts and materials)
- thirty minute private meeting with NCRA executive board on the Friday before the annual meeting,
- podium recognition at conference and annual meeting and any other event hosted by NCRA during 2016 year,
- company name and logo on brochure\* for annual meeting and any other event hosted by NCRA during 2016 year
- company name and logo on all correspondence announcing meeting after receipt of funds and any other event hosted by NCRA during 2016 year,
- company name and logo on NCRA website with link to your website
  - currently upgrading website
  - you provide link you would like NCRA to use
- one (1) conversations with NCRA President about issues
- two (2) announcements on news area of upgraded NCRA website

**Corporate Membership at Platinum level (\$20,000) includes:**

- three (3) tables at our annual meeting in a prime location,
- eight (8) attendees at all events associated with annual meeting,
  - opportunity to bring two (2) additional representatives at the reduced rate of \$200/person
- eight (8) conference notebooks provided at the conference
  - corporate logo in conference notebook on corporate membership page
  - corporate logo on cover of conference notebook
- eight (8) conference flash drives (contains conference handouts and materials)
- thirty minute private meeting with NCRA executive board on the Friday before the annual meeting,
- podium recognition at conference and annual meeting and any other event hosted by NCRA during 2016 year,
- company name and logo on brochure\* for annual meeting and any other event hosted by NCRA during 2016 year
- company name and logo on all correspondence announcing meeting after receipt of funds and any other event hosted by NCRA during 2016 year,
- company name and logo on NCRA website with link to your website
  - currently upgrading website
  - you provide link you would like NCRA to use
- membership at this level would support six(6) NCRA managed and promoted journal clubs
- sponsorship of the Saturday reception,
- two (2) conversations with NCRA President about issues
- four (4) announcements on news area of upgraded NCRA website or emailed to membership by NCRA.

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**Corporate Membership at Diamond level (\$30,000) includes:**

- three (3) tables at our annual meeting in a prime location,
- ten (10) attendees at all events associated with annual meeting,
  - opportunity to bring two (2) additional representatives at the reduced rate of \$200/person
- ten (10) conference notebooks provided at the conference
  - corporate logo in conference notebook on corporate membership page
  - corporate logo on cover of conference notebook
- ten (10) conference flash drives (contains conference handouts and materials)
- forty-five minute private meeting with NCRA executive board on the Friday before the annual meeting,
- podium recognition at conference and annual meeting and any other event hosted by NCRA during 2016 year,
- company name and logo on brochure\* for annual meeting and any other event hosted by NCRA during 2016 year
- company name and logo on all correspondence announcing meeting after receipt of funds and any other event hosted by NCRA during 2016 year,
- company name and logo on NCRA website with link to your website
  - currently upgrading website
  - you provide link you would like NCRA to use
- membership at this level would allow NCRA to distribute ten (10) \$500 stipends for fellow participation in NCRA annual meeting
- sponsorship of the Friday Lunch with Vendors
- four (4) conversations with NCRA President about issues
- eight (8) announcements on news area of upgraded NCRA website or emailed to membership by NCRA.

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## 2015 Annual Report

Some of the things NCRA accomplished and or participated in include:

1. Hosted NCRA Annual Conference at a reasonable rate for NC Physicians and NC Fellows. Conference was attended by SC Physicians as well.
2. Membership promoted the mission of NCRA regionally and its importance as a platform for NC rheumatologists to meet and connect.
3. Supported Rheumatology Fellows Programs at Duke Medical School, UNC Chapel Hill Medical School, and Wake Forest Medical School through matching contribution to Carolinas Fellows Collaborative. Support also included mentoring and participation in events. Support will continue in 2016.
4. Active involvement in issues surrounding rheumatology to ensure patient access to care.
5. NCRA has signed letters regarding step-edits and participated in development of step edit legislation.
6. NCRA has cosigned letters from ACR and CSRO regarding proposed medicare fee schedule, prior authorization forms, biosimilars amongst others.
7. NCRA participated in NC General Assembly discussion on biosimilars.
8. NCRA wrote op-ed regarding biosimilar.
9. Active involvement on the ACR insurance subcommittee and government affairs committee.
10. Continue to develop relationship between the NCRA and the North Carolina Medical Society.
11. Debut new website. The new website contains a listing of NC Rheumatologists available to the public.
12. Support of CSRO through membership.
13. Supported journal club meetings across the state.
14. Supported attendance of board members at CSRO Advocacy Conference.
15. Supported Lupus Foundation through free display table at our annual meeting.
16. Supported Arthritis Foundation through free display table at our annual meeting.
17. Supported Arthritis Foundation walks/runs through support of board members and membership participation in events.

# Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

**Give Form to the  
 requester. Do not  
 send to the IRS.**

Print or type See Specific Instructions on page 2.	1 Name (as shown on your income tax return). Name is required on this line; do not leave this line blank. <b>North Carolina Rheumatology Association</b>		
	2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above		
	3 Check appropriate box for federal tax classification; check only <b>one</b> of the following seven boxes: <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC <input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=partnership) ▶ _____ Note. For a single-member LLC that is disregarded, do not check LLC; check the appropriate box in the line above for the tax classification of the single-member owner. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) ▶ <b>501c3</b>		4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3): Exempt payee code (if any) _____ Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) _____ <i>(Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.)</i>
	5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.) <b>341 S. College Rd. St 11 (PMB 2046)</b>		Requester's name and address (optional)
	6 City, state, and ZIP code <b>Wilmington, NC 28403</b>		
	7 List account number(s) here (optional)		

## Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the Part I instructions on page 3. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN* on page 3.

**Note.** If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1 and the chart on page 4 for guidelines on whose number to enter.

<b>Social security number</b>									
<b>or</b>									
<b>Employer identification number</b>									
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## Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

**Certification instructions.** You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions on page 3.

<b>Sign Here</b>	Signature of U.S. person ▶ <i>Tamara W. Bulger</i>	Date ▶ <i>11-23-15</i>
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## General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.  
**Future developments.** Information about developments affecting Form W-9 (such as legislation enacted after we release it) is at [www.irs.gov/fw9](http://www.irs.gov/fw9).

### Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN), to report on an information return the amount paid to you, or other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid)
- Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds)
- Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds)
- Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers)
- Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)
- Form 1099-K (merchant card and third party network transactions)

- Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), 1098-T (tuition)
- Form 1099-C (canceled debt)
- Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.

If you do not return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See *What is backup withholding?* on page 2.

- By signing the filled-out form, you:
1. Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued),
  2. Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or
  3. Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee. If applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the withholding tax on foreign partners' share of effectively connected income, and
  4. Certify that FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that you are exempt from the FATCA reporting, is correct. See *What is FATCA reporting?* on page 2 for further information.