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CONNECTICUT STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY AND GRADUATE EDUCATION FOUNDATION ANNOUNCE NEW *GRAND ROUNDS-ONLINE* CME SERIES

www.CMElectures.org/CSMS to be available to all Society Members

DATELINE / (September 12, 2005) -- Graduate Education Foundation (GEF), a non-profit dedicated to improving medical education and patient outcomes, today announced an affiliation arrangement with the Connecticut State Medical Society (CSMS) to provide its physicians with a unique series of on-line seminars presented in the classic "Grand Rounds" format.

Michael S. Feldman, M.D., F.A.C.C., founder and chairman of GEF as well as a practicing cardiologist and professor of medicine, said, "CSMS is an outstanding medical society with a long history of supporting the latest advancements in continuing medical education (CME)." He said, "They are exactly the kind of partner we envisioned when our faculty of medical educators developed www.CMElectures.org."

"Grand Rounds Online" provides doctors with an on-demand lecture series that for the first time brings to the physician's computer the quality, content and educational benefit previously experienced only in the traditional grand-rounds hospital environment. Included individually or as part of the series is a unique five lecture symposium by David B. Nash, M.D., M.B.A., F.A.C.P. on practice based learning and systems-based skills. Dr. Nash is Founder and Chairman of the Department of Health Policy at Jefferson Medical College and Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia, and is a member of the GEF faculty and its Medical Board of Advisors.

Developed by medical educators for doctors, www.CMElectures.org consists of more than 140 fully accredited, multi-media presentations covering the full spectrum of medical and surgical care. All lectures are original, evidence based, timely and relevant to daily practice. They are reviewed annually and updated as changes in clinical practice warrant.

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For a modest monthly subscription (less than the cost of many journal subscriptions), physicians, nurse practitioners and physician assistants on the front lines of American healthcare can easily enroll and have instant and unlimited access to world-class medical authorities, almost as if they were accompanying them on hospital grand rounds.

Dr. Feldman stated, “Medicine is changing so rapidly that it is difficult to keep up with current best practices. We are embracing web-based technology and tailoring the programs to help physicians make better informed decisions about patient care.”

Unlike many other CME programs, the GEF series accepts no commercial support from pharmaceutical companies or medical device manufacturers. This important policy preserves the integrity of the content and the objectivity of the distinguished faculty. Besides operating the on-line CME service, GEF awards institutional master teacher grants at the medical school and postgraduate residency level.

Chartered in 1792, the Connecticut State Medical Society is a federation of eight county medical associations with a membership of some 7,000 physicians. Founded by physician-patriots of the American Revolution, the Society is believed to be the third oldest such group in continuous operation.

For more information, visit www.CMElectures.org/CSMS , www.csms.org , or call 1-877-263-5400.

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