



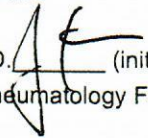
National Institute of
Arthritis and Musculoskeletal
and Skin Diseases

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
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Public Health Service
Bethesda, MD 20892

Date: December 12, 2016

To: Robert H. Carter, M.D.
Deputy Director, NIAMS

Through: James D. Katz, M.D.  (initial)
Director, NIAMS Rheumatology Fellowship and Training Branch, IRP, NIAMS

From: Marcela A. Ferrada, M.D.
Clinical Fellow, Rheumatology Fellowship and Training Branch, IRP, NIAMS

Subject: **Request for Approval of Official Duty Activity: Relapsing Polychondritis Awareness and Support Foundation**

This is to request that the following activity be approved as an official duty activity. I understand that no honorarium or other remuneration may be accepted.

Organization/Address: **Relapsing Polychondritis Awareness and Support Foundation**
8843 78th NW Annandale MN 55302.

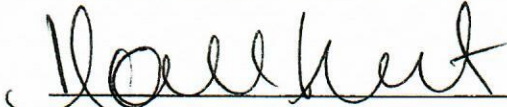
Nature of Activity: Federal liaison to the foundation. Formally represent the interests of NIH. Serves as a spokesperson for NIH policies and programs. Also serves as a medical advisor to the foundation on relapsing polychondritis a very rare disease. Activities may include giving Grand Rounds to academic and medical institutions.

Date: December 12, 2016* – (no end date)

Estimated Time Involved: 100 hours a year

Travel Expenses Paid by: organization (via 348 sponsored travel) and NIH


Benefit to the Government: Collaborating with non-profits on common research interests has mutual benefits and is aligned with the NIAMS mission to support research into the causes, treatment, and prevention of arthritis and musculoskeletal and skin disease, and the dissemination of information on research progress in these diseases.


Marcela A. Ferrada, M.D.

NIAMS Deputy Ethics Counselor:

Approve

Disapprove


Robert H. Carter, M.D. Date 12-13-16

*continued official duty; prior official duty activity authorized by the Clinical Center, NIH