

WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY BY EVENT PARTICIPANT

I understand that, in connection with participating in the 2022 NARST Annual International Conference (“the Event”) being sponsored by NARST (“Sponsor”) and held at JW Marriott, Vancouver, BC, Canada (“Venue”), I may be exposed to persons who, knowingly or unknowingly, are infected with the novel coronavirus and/or have contracted COVID-19 and/or another communicable disease. The waiver, release and other representations set forth herein are given in consideration for the Sponsor and the Venue permitting me to participate in the Event.

1. Acceptance of Risk; Release; Indemnification. I am fully aware that there are a number of risks associated with me entering onto the Venue property and participating in the Event during the COVID-19 pandemic, including without limitation: (a) I could contract COVID-19 or other diseases which could result in a serious medical condition requiring medical treatment in a hospital or which could possibly lead to death; and (b) I will be subject to normal risks associated with participating in the Event, such as physical injuries or even death or loss or damage to personal property, including without limitation, from slips or falls, food poisoning or allergic reaction to food served during the Event, physical or verbal altercations with Venue staff or other Event participants, or injury due to the nature of the Event. On behalf of myself and my heirs, successors and assigns, I knowingly and freely assume all such risks, both known and unknown, relating to my participation in the Event and being present at the Venue, and I hereby forever release, waive, relinquish and discharge the Sponsor, the Venue and any national organization with which Sponsor may be affiliated, along with their officers, directors, managers, officials, trustees, agents, employees or other representatives, and their successors and assigns (collectively, the “Sponsor and Venue Representatives”), from any and all claims, demands, liabilities, rights, damages, expenses, and causes of action of whatever kind or nature, and other losses of any kind, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, (collectively, “Damages”) as a result of me being present on the Venue property and participating at the Event as described above, including but not limited to those related to the above described personal injuries, death, disease or property losses, or any other loss, and including but not limited to claims based on the alleged negligence of any Sponsor or Venue Representative or any other person. I further promise not to sue the Sponsor or the Venue or any Sponsor or Venue Representative, and agree to indemnify and hold them harmless from any and all Damages resulting from my being present at the Venue and participating in the Event.

2. Affirmative Representations. I represent and warrant that I will not enter the Venue or participate in the Event if (a) I am aware, as of the date of the Event, that I have contracted and not completely recovered from COVID-19 or another communicable disease; (b) I am aware, as of the date of the Event, that I have been exposed within the prior two weeks to someone who had contracted or was subsequently determined to have contracted, COVID-19 or another communicable disease; (c) I have been tested for COVID-19 or another communicable disease but not yet received the results of such test; or (d) I have symptoms consistent with having contracted COVID-19 or another communicable disease. I also represent and warrant that, during the course of the Event, I will comply with all applicable regulations and guidelines regarding COVID-19 and any other communicable disease, including those imposed by the Venue and/or the Sponsor, and including without limitation any requirement to wear a face mask and maintain appropriate distance from others.

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