

AACR OFFICE OF CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION DISCLOSURE POLICY

PURPOSE

In accordance with the ACCME's *Standards for Commercial Support of Continuing Medical Education*, the Policy on Disclosure exists to provide guidance for staff, faculty and planners of the requirement to disclose specific information to participants. This includes (a) sponsor financial relationships, (b) faculty financial relationships, and (c) discussion of unlabeled or unapproved uses of drugs and devices.

DISCLOSURE OF FINANCIAL RELATIONSHIPS

ACCME guidelines require that anyone who is in a position to control or influence the educational content of an activity must disclose to the provider and to the activity audience any relevant financial relationships that have occurred within the past 12 months with any entity that produces, markets, re-sells, or distributes health care goods or services consumed by or used on patients, and whose products or services relate to the content of the CME activity. Relationships are relevant if occurring within the past 12 months, and the content/presentation is about the products or services of that commercial interest. This includes content about specific agents/devices, but not necessarily about the class of agents/devices, and not necessarily content about the whole disease class in which those agents/devices are used.

ACCME considers relationships of the person involved in the CME activity to include financial relationships of a spouse or partner. The ACCME has not set a minimum dollar amount for relationships to be relevant. Inherent in any amount is the incentive to maintain or increase the value of the relationship.

ACCME guidelines stipulate that all Committee members and speakers must provide the information requested on the Disclosure Form before his or her role in the CME activity begins. Those who fail to provide the information will not be permitted to participate in the activity.

FINANCIAL RELATIONSHIPS: Financial relationships are those relationships in which the individual benefits by receiving a salary, royalty, intellectual property rights, consulting fee, honoraria, ownership interest, or other financial benefit. Financial benefits are usually associated with roles such as employment, independent contractor (including contracted research) consulting, speaking and teaching, membership on advisory committees or review panels, board membership, and other activities for which remuneration is received or expected.

CONTRACTED RESEARCH: Research funding where the institution receives the grant and manages the funds and the individual is the principal or named investigator on the grant.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: When individuals have both a financial relationship with a commercial interest and the opportunity to affect the content of CME about the products or services of that commercial interest. When a person divests themselves of a financial relationship it is immediately not a conflict of interest but the relationship must be disclosed to the learners for 12 months. Conflicts of interest must be resolved by the provider prior to the person's participation in the activity.

PUBLICATION/PRESENTATION OF DISCLOSURE INFORMATION

As required by the ACCME, the financial relationships disclosed will be provided to activity participants in written form via publication in the activity Proceedings. Speakers/Presenters are further required to verbally and visually disclose the financial information and off-label uses and limitations of data related to patient care via a slide shown to the audience prior to the presentation.