

RESOLUTION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

What is a conflict of interest? (ACCME Standard for Commercial Support – Standard 2.1 [SCS 2.1])

Circumstances create a COI when an individual has an opportunity to affect CME content about products or services of a commercial interest with which he/she has a financial relationship.

Where is the conflict? (SCS 2.1)

Financial relationships in which the individual benefits by receiving a salary, royalty, intellectual property rights, consulting fee, honorary for promotional speakers’ bureau, ownership interest or other financial benefit within the last 12 months that might take precedence over the interest of the general public. The interests of those in control of content of CME must always be aligned with what is in the best interest of the general public.

How do these circumstances create a conflict? (SCS 2.1)

The potential for increasing the value of the financial relationship with the commercial interest creates an incentive the influence the content of CME – an incentive to insert commercial bias.

Activity Information		
Name of Person with Conflict	[Type here]	
Activity Title	[Type here]	
Activity Date	[Type here]	
Role in Activity	<input type="checkbox"/> Activity Planner – Activity Director, Planning Committee Member <input type="checkbox"/> Content Developer – Author, Researcher <input type="checkbox"/> Content Presenter – Faculty	
Financial Relationship(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Research Support/Grants <input type="checkbox"/> Consulting/Advisory Committees <input type="checkbox"/> Employment/Salary	<input type="checkbox"/> Speakers’ Bureaus/Honoraria <input type="checkbox"/> Ownership Investment <input type="checkbox"/> Other: [Type here]
Explanation of Potential Conflict: [Type here]		

Review of Materials Being Presented (Speaker/Author only)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Discussion of products or services of a commercial interest is presented in a balanced and unbiased fashion
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If pharmaceutical/medical device products or services are discussed, generic names are used.
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Any clinical recommendations are based on the best available evidence and conform with generally accepted standards of experimental design
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	No commercial logos are used

Resolution of COI for members on the <i>Planning Committee</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> The above individual recuses him/herself from planning content in the conflicted area <input type="checkbox"/> The individual divests him/herself of the commercial relationship leading to the conflict <input type="checkbox"/> Other: [Type here]

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Resolution of COI for Individuals in their Role as *Speaker/Author*

Option 1:

Activity Planner or Medical Peer-Reviewer reviewed the presentation material BEFORE the activity.

Outcome:

- No commercial bias was perceived
- Commercial bias was perceived, the presentation was revised, and no commercial bias was found
- Other: [Type here]

Option 2:

Refrain from making recommendations on topics in which the conflict exists

- Based all recommendations on peer-reviewed data
- Speaker will offer no recommendations and limit content to scientific research data and results

Option 3:

- Speaker will be reassigned to a different topic that does not have the same potential for bias.
- Presentation topic(s) are reassigned to another speaker.

Option 4:

- Speaker is not allowed to present.

Option 5:

- Other: [Type here]

Comments: [Type here]

Reviewed By: [Type here]

Date: [Type here]