



CHICAGO MEDICAL SOCIETY

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION DISCLOSURE OF RELEVANT FINANCIAL RELATIONSHIPS FORM

The Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education's (ACCME) Accreditation Criteria, Policies, and **Standards for Commercial Support (SCS)** are as follows:

SCS: 6.1: Any individual with control over CME content (faculty member, author, course director, committee members, planners, etc.) must disclose to learners any relevant financial relationship(s), to include the following information:

- The name of the individual; the name of the commercial interest(s); the nature of the relationship the person has with each commercial interest (i.e., consultant, speaker, investigator, grantee, researcher, stock shareholder, etc.)

SCS: 6.2: For an individual with no relevant financial relationship(s), the learners must be informed that no relevant financial relationship(s) exist.

SCS: 5.1: The content or format of a CME activity or its related materials must promote improvements or quality *in healthcare* and not a specific proprietary business interest of a commercial interest.

SCS: 5.2: Presentations must give a balanced view of therapeutic options. Use of generic names will contribute to this impartiality. If the CME educational material or content includes trade names, where available, trade names from several companies should be used, not just trade names from a single company.

To be in compliance with the **ACCME's Updated Criteria, Policies and SCS**, the Chicago Medical Society, an accredited provider, requires that all members involved in the CME activity, either directly- or jointly-sponsored, who are in a position to control the content, must disclose the existence of any type of relevant financial interests or relationships that might have an impact on the CME presentation and create a conflict of interest. All relevant financial disclosures will be communicated to the CME participants. Disclosures should be made in writing and disclosed to the CME participants **prior to** the start of the CME activity. **Individuals that refuse to disclose relevant financial relationships will be disqualified from the CME activity.** All faculty members, presenters and authors are required to base their presentations and recommendations on the **best available evidence**. In addition, faculty members, authors, course directors, planners, committee members, and CME staff members (for example) are advised to refer to the Chicago Medical Society's policies on commercial support and disclosures of relevant financial relationships as well as to the ACCME's *Standards for Commercial Support* (www.accme.org).

Please list the names of proprietary entities producing health care goods or services, consumed by, or used on, patients with the exemption of non-profit or government organizations and non-health care related companies with which **you or your spouse/partner have, or have had, a relevant financial relationship within the past 12 months**. For this purpose we consider the relevant financial relationships of your spouse or partner that you are aware of to be yours.

Describe what you or your spouse/partner received (i.e. salary, honorarium, etc.) The Chicago Medical Society does NOT want to know how much you received.

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DISCLOSURE OF RELEVANT FINANCIAL RELATIONSHIPS DECLARATION

In accordance with the above-cited disclosure of interest statements and policies, the following are all **relevant financial relationships with commercial entities** of which I am aware:

Please check “Yes” or “No.”

Yes. I have relevant financial relationship (s) with a commercial interest (s).

If you answered yes, you must list the commercial interest and the nature of the relevant financial relationships (i.e. consultant, speaker, investigator, etc.):

Commercial Interest	What was received?	For What Role?
<i>Example: Company “ABC”</i>	<i>Honorarium</i>	<i>Speaker</i>

No, I do not have any relevant financial relationships with any commercial interests.

Reminder: Even if the faculty member, author, planner, course director, committee member, CME staff member, etc. does not have any relevant financial relationships with a commercial interest, this statement must be included in the meeting notice and/or on the meeting agenda by their name.

Name (please print):

Title of CME Activity:

Activity Date:

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Example Terminology

What was received: Salary, royalty, intellectual property rights, consulting fee, honoraria, ownership interest (e.g., stocks, stock options or other ownership interest, excluding diversified mutual funds), or other financial benefit.

Role(s): Employment, management position, independent contractor (including contracted research), consulting, speaking and teaching, membership on advisory committees or review panels, board membership, and other activities (please specify).

Glossary of Terms

Commercial Interest: The ACCME defines a “commercial interest” as any proprietary entity producing health care goods or services, used on, or consumed by, patients, with the exemption of non-profit or government organizations and non-health care related companies.

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 (e.g., stocks, stock options or other ownership interest, excluding diversified mutual funds), or other financial benefit. Financial benefits are usually associated with roles such as employment, management position, independent contractor (including contracted research), consulting, speaking and teaching, membership on advisory committees or review panels, board membership, and other activities from which remuneration is received, or expected. ACCME considers relationships of the person involved in the CME activity to include financial relationships of a spouse or partner.

Relevant Financial Relationships: ACCME focuses on financial relationships with commercial interests in the 12-month period preceding the time that the individual is being asked to assume a role controlling content of the CME activity. ACCME has not set a minimal dollar amount for relationships to be significant. Inherent in any amount is the incentive to maintain or increase the value of the relationship. The ACCME defines “relevant financial relationships” as financial relationships in any amount occurring within the past 12 months that create a conflict of interest.

Conflict of Interest (COI): Circumstances create a conflict of interest 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.