



Planning Committee

Name of Activity:

Activity Date(s):

Location:

Disclosure of Financial Relationships

NAME:

In accordance with ACCME regulations, the American College of Surgeons must ensure that anyone who is in a position to control the content of the education activity has disclosed to us all financial relationships with any commercial interest (see below for definitions). If you indicate on this form that you may have a conflict of interest, we ask that you recuse yourself from any discussion where there is a potential for the stated conflict to influence the content of the program. Please indicate your willingness to do so by checking the appropriate box below.

I do not have any financial relationships with any commercial interests.

I do have financial relationship(s) with commercial interests. I will disclose any conflict of interest that may arise during the planning of this activity and recuse myself from any final decisions where a potential bias could exist.

- List the names of proprietary entities producing health care goods or services, 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 financial relationship within the past 12 months. For this purpose we consider the financial relationships of your spouse or partner that you are aware of to be yours.
Explain what you or your spouse/partner received (ex: salary, honorarium etc).
Specify your role.

Table with 3 columns: Commercial Interest, Nature of Relevant Financial Relationship (Include all those that apply), and My role. Includes an example row for Company 'X' with Honorarium and Speaker roles.

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

My 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.

Glossary of Terms

Commercial Interest

A commercial interest is any entity producing, marketing, re-selling, or distributing health care goods or services consumed by, or used on, patients. The ACCME does not consider providers of clinical service directly to patients to be commercial interests.

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

When an individual's interests are aligned with those of a commercial interest the interests of the individual are in 'conflict' with the interests of the public. The ACCME considers financial relationships to create actual conflicts of interest in CME 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. The potential for maintaining or increasing the value of the financial relationship with the commercial interest creates an incentive to influence the content of the CME - an incentive to insert commercial bias.

Signature _____ Date _____