

TERMS AND CONDITIONS REGARDING COMMERCIAL SUPPORT RULES

Commercial Interest. Accreditation regulations define “commercial interest” as any entity producing, marketing, re-selling, or distributing health care goods or services consumed by, or used on, patients.

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. We consider relationships of the person involved in the CME activity to include financial relationships of a spouse or partner.

Financial relationships. Accreditation 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. There is not a set minimal dollar amount for relationships to be significant. Inherent in any amount is the incentive to maintain or increase the value of the relationship. “Financial relationships” can be in any amount occurring within the past 12 months that create a conflict of interest.

Conflict of Interest. 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, an immediate family member and/or partner has a financial relationship

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Unlabeled and Unapproved Uses. Presentations that provide information in whole or in part related to non-FDA approved uses for drug products and/or devices must clearly acknowledge the unlabeled indications or the investigational nature of their proposed uses to the audience. Speakers/authors who plan to discuss non-FDA approved uses for commercial products and/or devices must advise the Program of their intent.

Use of Generic versus Trade Names. Presenters should use scientific or generic names when referring to products in their lectures or enduring materials. Should it be necessary to use a trade name, then the trade names of all similar products or those within a class should be used.

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