

MEDCHI DISCLOSURE FORM FOR CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

The American Medical Association (AMA) and the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) have adopted regulations for ethical actions in the arenas of commercial support for educational programming and the relationships of those with influence over the content of Continuing Medical Education (CME) with commercial organizations. MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society, endorses and has adopted these regulations. MedChi is accredited by the ACCME, and as an accredited provider has made the choice to meet the ACCME's expectations for our practice of CME. Our accreditation is important to us. Our goal is to provide CME at the highest standards.

To comply with those regulations, MedChi has implemented a process where everyone who is in a position to control the content of an education activity has to disclose to us all relevant financial relationships with any commercial interest* (see terms and definitions). Should it be determined that a potential conflict of interest (COI) exists as a result of a financial relationship you may have, this will need to be resolved prior to the activity. Please be assured that having an affiliation with a company does not imply in any way that there is something wrong or improper. However, we are obligated to resolve any potential COI and to inform attendees of any relationships that exist. Attendees are informed of disclosure in a discreet, considerate manner, either in activity announcements or at the beginning of the activity. COI are resolved through mechanisms of action, which are dependent on the type, and nature of the conflict.

If you intend to discuss any "off-label" uses of products and devices, MedChi requires that you orally disclose that at the beginning of your presentation.

Disclosure of Commercial Support

Having an interest in, or an affiliation with, a commercial establishment does not prevent a speaker from making an unbiased presentation, but conflicts of interest resulting from the affiliation must be resolved prior to the activity and the relationship(s) must be made known in advance to the audience, in accordance with the *Standards for Commercial Support of Continuing Medical Education (SCS)*. MedChi will review the information. There are some relationships that might be judged a conflict. When such a conflict arises the SCS require that such a conflict be resolved or your ability to participate in the activity planning or to serve as faculty may be limited.

Name (Please print or type):

CME Activity Presenter/Speaker or Planning/CME Committee

Date/Time/Location:

Please choose **one** of the following options, complete any disclosures, sign and date:

I, or my spouse/partner do not have any relevant financial relationships with any commercial interests

I, or my spouse/partner have financial interest(s)/arrangement(s), within the past 12 months, with one or more medical commercial organization(s) that may be pertinent to the subject being presented. These I have disclosed below. **Please Print.**

Commercial Interest*	Nature of Relevant Financial Relationship (include all those that apply)	
	Nature of the Relationship ^o	What was your role in this relationship ^p
<i>Example: XYZ Pharmaceuticals</i>	<i>Honorarium</i>	<i>Speaker</i>

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

- ⊙ Nature of the Relationship is Salary, royalty, intellectual property rights, consulting fee, honoraria, ownership of interest (e.g., stocks, stock options or other ownership interest, excluding diversified mutual funds), or other financial benefit.
- ⊙ A role in the relationship is 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) from which remuneration is received or expected.

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When an unlabeled use of a commercial product, or an investigational use not yet approved for any purpose is discussed during an educational activity, the speaker is *required* to disclose this information to the audience at the beginning of such a discussion. Please check one of the boxes below and Initial.

I will I will not be discussing any "off-label" uses of products and/or devices. **Initial:**

Terms and Definitions

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Financial Relationships: Financial relationships are those relationships in which the individual, or their spouse or partner, benefits by receiving a salary, royalty, intellectual property right, 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: The 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. The 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 to 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: Circumstances create a potential COI when an individual has an opportunity to affect the CME content about products or services of a commercial interest with which said individual has a financial relationship.