



FACULTY DISCLOSURE

FACULTY NAME (please print): _____

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- I have read and understood the “Terms and Conditions for Faculty Participating in Continuing Medical Education Activities Regarding Commercial Support Rules”

DISCLOSURE

- I **do not** have an affiliation with or financial interest in a manufacturer of a commercial product or service.
- I **do** have an affiliation with or financial interest in a manufacturer of a commercial product or service that could be construed as a conflict of interest.

Type of Affiliation/Financial Interest _____ Name of Corporate Organization(s)

Grant/Research Support: _____

Consultant: _____

Speaker's Bureau: _____

Stock Shareholder: _____

Spouse/Partner: _____

Other Support (please specify): _____

UNLABELED AND UNAPPROVED USES

- I do not intend to reference unlabeled/unapproved uses of drugs or products.
- I intend to reference unlabeled/unapproved uses of drugs or products in my presentation.

Specify product(s) by name: _____

ATTESTATION

As a speaker/moderator/panel member at this activity provided by the Elsevier Office of CME (EOCME), I attest that:

- all recommendations that I make for patient care as part of my presentation and/or discussion will be based on the best available evidence accepted within the profession of medicine;
- all research referred to, reported on, or used in my presentation conform to the generally accepted standards of experimental design, data collection, and analysis
- my presentation and/or discussion will give a balanced view of therapeutic options;
- if any portion of my presentation/slide is not original work, I have obtained the necessary copyright permissions;
- my presentation is HIPAA compliant (i.e. I have used only de-identified patient information).

Signature: _____

Date: _____

PERMISSIONS

The organizers of this conference are authorized to record, photograph, or videotape my presentation to the attendees of this meeting. I understand that the organizers of this conference will not assert any copyright or deprive me of any other rights I may have in my presentation.

I grant this permission

I do not grant this permission

Signature: _____

Date: _____

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR FACULTY
PRESENTING AT CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION ACTIVITIES
REGARDING COMMERCIAL SUPPORT RULES**

Overview: As the Provider of a CME activity, the EOCME must ensure balance, independence, objectivity and scientific rigor in all of its CME activities. As part of this effort, all faculty participating in a CME activity are expected to disclose to the Provider any significant financial interest or other relationships with any commercial interests (see definitions attached) as well as the commercial supporter of this activity. The intent of this disclosure is not to prevent a presenter with a significant financial or other relationship from making a presentation, but rather to provide listeners with information on which they can make their own judgment.

Disclosure: Faculty must complete and submit the attached Disclosure Statement prior to the presentation and ensure that the Disclosure Statement is complete and truthful to the best of the faculty member's knowledge. This policy is designed to provide the activity audience with an opportunity to review any affiliations between a faculty member and commercial interests for determining the potential presence of bias or influence over educational content.

Conflict of Interest: If in the process of the disclosure of all relevant financial relationships with any commercial interest a potential conflict of interest is identified by the Provider, said conflict must be resolved prior to the educational activity's presentation. A faculty member refusing to disclose any financial interests will be disqualified from participating in that activity.

Content Validation: All the recommendations involving clinical medicine in a CME activity must be based on best available evidence that is accepted within the profession of medicine as adequate justification for their indication and contraindication in the care of patients. All scientific research referred to, reported, or used in CME in support or justification of a patient care recommendation must conform to the generally accepted standards of experimental design, data collection, and analysis

Fair Balance: Faculty are required to prepare fair and balanced presentations that are objective and scientifically rigorous.

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 should clearly acknowledge the unlabeled indications or the investigational nature of their proposed uses to the audience. Faculty who plan to discuss non-FDA approved uses for commercial products and/or devices should advise the Joint Sponsors of their intent. This information should be disclosed to the audience so that they may take it into consideration when making a determination as to whether or not to implement the information learned into their medical practice.

Use of Generics vs. Trade Names: Faculty 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 similar products or those within a class should be used.

Commercial Supporter Influence: Faculty members are not permitted to receive any direct remuneration or gifts from the commercial supporter of this activity as it relates to this specific activity, nor should they be subject to direct input from a commercial supporter regarding the content of their presentations.

Commercial Support Agreement: Consistent with the *2004 ACCME Standards for Commercial Support*, the Provider, the EOCME, has accepted and the commercial supporter for this activity and has provided financial support based on the following guidelines:

Definitions

1. **Purpose of CME:** The purpose of Continuing Medical Education is to facilitate life-long learning among physicians so that their practices may reflect the best medical care for their patients. The goal of CME is to help physicians enhance their performance in practice. All involved in the CME enterprise – educators,

meeting planners, faculty, authors, speakers, accredited providers, supporters, and the physician learners themselves – are responsible for fulfilling this purpose and this goal.

2. **CME Provider:** An institution or organization, such as the Elsevier Office of CME, which is accredited by the ACCME to present CME Activities
3. **Commercial Interest:** A commercial interest is defined by the ACCME as any proprietary entity producing health care goods or services, with the exemption of non-profit or government organizations and non-health care related companies.
4. **Commercial Bias:** When commercial interests contribute funds and services for the development of CME activities, it is considered commercial support. Commercial support has significantly enhanced the ability of the CME enterprise to fulfill its purpose. However, commercial support has the potential to introduce commercial bias that threatens the integrity of the CME enterprise. When individuals have financial relationships with commercial interests and are in a position to control the content of CME, there is also the potential for commercial bias. The ACCME believes that CME must be free from the control of commercial interests and that this independence from commercial interests will help ensure that CME is free of commercial bias.

Conditions

1. Independence:

- a. **Educational Needs:** The Provider will develop this CME activity for scientific and educational purposes in response to documented unmet CME needs and will not promote any commercial interest's products, directly or indirectly.
 - b. **Educational Objectives:** The Provider independently develops educational objectives for the CME activity and designs an educational program that facilitates the meeting of those objectives in addressing the unmet educational needs.
 - c. **Control of Selection and Presentation of Content:** The Provider is responsible for control of content and selection of presenters and moderators. The commercial interest agrees not to direct the content of the program or to influence the Provider with regard to content. There will be no "scripting" emphasis, or direction of content by the commercial interest or its agents.
 - d. **Selection and Control of Presenters:** The Provider will initiate requests for suggestions of presenters or sources of potential presenters to the commercial interest if necessary. The commercial interest will suggest more than one name (if possible); will provide speaker qualifications; will disclose financial or other relationships between the commercial interest and the speaker; and will provide this information in writing. The Sponsor will record the role of the commercial interest, or its agents, in suggesting presenters; will seek suggestions from other sources; and will make selections of presenter(s) based on balance and independence.
 - e. **Educational Methods:** The Provider is responsible for the selection of educational methods appropriate to meet the educational objectives. The methodology will include (but not limited to): meaningful disclosures on limitations on data, e.g. ongoing research, interim analysis, preliminary data, or unsupported opinion; require that presenters disclose when a product is not approved in the United States for the use under discussion; and, ensure meaningful opportunities for questioning or scientific debate.
 - f. **Evaluation:** The Provider will conduct an appropriate evaluation of each CME activity's success in meeting the educational objectives.
2. **Resolution of Personal Conflicts of Interest:** The Provider has a policy and procedure in place for the disclosure of all relevant financial relationships with the commercial interest; disqualifies any individual from participating in the CME activity who refuses to disclose any financial interests; and, has a methodology in place for resolving any conflicts of interest prior to the implementation of the CME activity in question.

3. **Appropriate Use of Commercial Support:** funds will be in the form of an educational grant made payable to Elsevier; all other support associated with the CME activity (e.g. distributing brochures, preparing slides, etc.) must be given with the full knowledge and approval of the Provider; no other funds from the commercial interest will be paid to the program director, faculty, learners or others involved with the CME activity. Upon completion of the activity the Provider will furnish the commercial interest with a complete report of the expenditures of the funds provided.
4. **Appropriate Management of Associated Commercial Promotion:** Arrangements for commercial exhibits or advertisements cannot influence planning or interfere with the presentation of the CME activity. No promotional activities will be displayed or distributed in the educational space before, during, or after the CME activity.
5. **Content and Format without Commercial Bias:** The content or format of the CME activity or its related materials must promote improvements or quality in healthcare and not a specific proprietary business interest of a commercial interest.
6. **Disclosure Relevant to Potential Commercial Bias:** The Sponsor will ensure meaningful disclosure to the learners prior to the educational activity, of: (a) any relevant financial relationships of those with control over CME activity content (e.g. faculty, moderators, authors); and, all financial support from the commercial interest for the CME activity.