



**DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

**Conflict of Interest Policy:** The Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) requires CME providers to ensure that those in control of content disclose to the provider all relevant financial relationships. The ACCME defines “relevant financial relationships” as financial relationships in any amount occurring within the past 12 months that create a conflict of interest. Conflicts of interest occur when planners or presenters maintain commercial interests with pharmaceutical companies, biomedical device manufacturers, or other corporations whose products or services are related to the presentation topic. Any real or apparent conflict of interest related to the content of the continuing education activity shall be disclosed and resolved prior to the presentation.

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*A commercial interest is defined as an entity developing, producing, marketing, re-selling, or distributing health care goods or services used on, or consumed by, patients. Governmental agencies and providers of direct patient care services are not considered to be commercial interests.*

TTUHSC Office of CME maintains disclosures on a fiscal year basis. Planners/presenters should disclose any current or future relationships that may be applicable from September 1 through August 31. In the event of a change in relationship status, the planner/presenter must notify the CME coordinator for his/her activity and complete an updated disclosure statement.

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- I declare:  I have no relevant financial relationships to disclose.
- I or a spouse/partner have, or had within the last 12 months, a relevant financial relationship with a commercial interest. I declare the following relationships.

List companies that develop, produce, market, re-sell, or distribute health care goods or services (e.g. medical supplies, devices, or pharmaceuticals) used on or consumed by patients. Governmental agencies and providers of direct patient care services are not considered to be commercial interests and should not be listed.

Type of Relationship	Company Name 1	Company Name 2	Company Name 3
Consultant or advisor			
Employee			
Owner, Officer or Director			
Owner of patent			
Research support			
Speaker’s bureau			
Other (list relationship)			

## GUIDANCE FOR PLANNING AND PRESENTING CONTENT

**Fair Balance:** Speakers/authors shall present content that is fair, balanced, objective, and scientifically rigorous.

**Use of Generic versus Trade Names:** Speakers/authors shall use scientific or generic names in referring to products. Should it be necessary to use a trade name, the trade names of similar products or those within a class should also be used. For any product discussed, presenters shall discuss both the benefits and limitations of that product. If one product is recommended over another, the scientific justification shall be stated.

**Patient Privacy:** Course materials may not contain information that can violate a patient's right for privacy.

**Copyrighted Information:** Written consent must be obtained from authors and/or publishers in order to distribute copyrighted information to participants.

**Separation between Content and Commercial Interests:** An activity planner who has commercial interests must recuse him/herself from planning of content related to his/her conflict of interest. Neither planners nor presenters shall accept input regarding the content of a presentation nor receive remuneration directly from a commercial interest.

**Disclosure of Affiliations:** The Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education requires the TTUHSC Office of CME to: 1) collect information from planners and presenters of CME activities about their relationships with commercial interests; and 2) disclose that information in writing to the participants.

**Participant Evaluation:** Course participants will complete an evaluation of the presenter and content, including an assessment of balance, bias, and perceived conflict of interest.

**Resolution of 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 has a financial relationship. Below are accepted processes the Office of Continuing Medical Education can use to resolve identified conflicts.

### RESOLUTION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST *(CME Office Use Only)*

Please indicate below how the conflict(s) of interest will be resolved.

- Speaker will support lecture/presentation and clinical recommendations with the "best available evidence" from the medical literature.
- Speaker will refrain from making recommendations, regarding products or services, e.g., limit talk to pathophysiology, diagnosis, and/or research findings.
- Speaker/planner will recommend an alternative speaker for this topic for the planning committee's consideration.
- Speaker will submit my talk in advance to allow for adequate peer review.
- Speaker will divest them self of this financial relationship.
- Conflicted planner will recuse him/herself from participation in the planning of content related to the conflict of interest.
- Review of content related to the conflict of interest by non-conflicted member (s) of the planning committee.
- Institutional CME Committee engaged to review the planners' choices of selection of content, topics, and faculty.
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

Activity Coordinator \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_