Disclosure

- I have no relevant financial relationships to disclose.
What is a relevant financial relationship?

- **Relevant financial relationships** are financial relationships in any amount, which occurred in the twelve-month period preceding the time that the individual was asked to assume a role controlling content of the CME activity, and which relate to the content of the educational activity, causing a conflict of interest.


Who is in control of content?

- If someone in connection to the activity has the opportunity to affect the content, they are “in control of content.”
- Those individuals in a position to control the content of an educational activity might include (but are not limited to) **planners, faculty, authors, committee members, content reviewers, editors**, and **staff** depending on the accredited provider’s processes for developing educational activities.

What is a 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 - unless the provider of clinical service is owned, or controlled by, an ACCME-defined commercial interest.


What is *not* a commercial entity?

- 501-C Non-profit organizations*
- Government organizations
- Non-health care related companies
- Liability insurance providers
- Health insurance providers
- Group medical practices
- For-profit hospitals
- For profit rehabilitation centers
- For-profit nursing homes
- Blood banks
- Diagnostic laboratories

*Note, ACCME screens 501c organizations for eligibility. Those that advocate for commercial interests as a 501c organization are not eligible for accreditation in the ACCME system. They cannot serve in the role of joint provider, but they can be a commercial supporter.

Case Studies

Case #1

- Activity:
  - Much Ado About Clotting: A Guide For Your Clinical Practice
- Disclosure:
  - Stephen Moll; Speaker; Consultant; Boehringer-Ingelheim, Janssen Pharmaceuticals
Case #1

A:
- Are Boehringer-Ingelheim and Janssen ACCME-defined commercial interests? 

YES

Case #1

B:
- Is Dr Moll an employee/owner of Boehringer-Ingelheim and/or Janssen? 

NO
Case #1

- C:
  - Is there a financial relationship? YES
  - In any amount? YES
  - In the past 12 months? YES
  - Do Boehringer-Ingelheim or Janssen’s products relate to the activity? ???

Additional Information:
- Boehringer-Ingelheim makes a variety of products including an anti-clotting combination of dipyridamole and acetylsalicylic acid (trade names Aggrenox®, Asasantin®).
- Rivaroxaban (trade name Xarelto®) is an anti-clotting drug made by Janssen.
Case #1

• C:
  - Is there a financial relationship? YES
  - In any amount? YES
  - In the past 12 months? YES
  - Do Boehringer-Ingelheim or Janssen’s products relate to the activity? YES

Resolution:
  - We reviewed Dr Moll’s slides prior to the activity. No commercial bias was perceived.
  - Dr Moll’s financial relationships were disclosed to learners in a slide at the beginning of his presentation.
Case #2

- Activity:
  - 2017 Sports Medicine Symposium - Return to Play
- Disclosure:
  - Bradley Toepper; Planning Committee; Employee; Bronson Healthcare Group, Western Michigan University

A: Are Bronson Healthcare Group and/or Western Michigan University ACCME-defined commercial interests?

NO
Case #2

- Resolution:
  - No conflict of interest
  - A handout indicated listed the speakers with relevant financial disclosures and stated that all others involved in the planning and presentation had no financial relationships to disclose.

Case #3

- Activity:
  - Coming Together 2016: A Community Conference on Addiction and Recovery

- Disclosure:
  - Michael Liepman; Planning Committee; Speakers’ Bureau; Reckitt Benckiser Ltd. (a.k.a. Indivior; a.k.a. Direct Success)
  - Alkermes Inc.
Case #3

A: Are Reckitt Benckiser Ltd and/or Alkermes Inc ACCME-defined commercial interests?  
YES

Case #3

B: Is Dr. Liepman an employee/owner of Reckitt Benckiser Ltd and/or Alkermes Inc?  
NO
Case #3

C:
  - Is Dr Liepman in control of content?  

Additional Information:
  - Although listed on the application as a member of the planning committee, Dr Liepman was in the late stages of cancer and did not participate in the planning of this activity.
Case #3

- C:
  - Is Dr Liepman in control of content? **NO**
  - Is the relationship financial, in any amount? **N/A**
  - In the past 12 months? **N/A**
  - Do Reckitt Benckiser Ltd and/or Alkermes Inc’s products relate to the activity? **N/A**

Resolution:
- As Dr Liepman was a WMed faculty member, we were aware of his illness and contacted the activity coordinator to confirm that he was not participating in planning the activity.
- No conflict of interest
- A handout indicated that no one involved in the planning or presentation of the activity had relevant financial relationships to disclose.
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References