Case Studies
Case # 1
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Activity:
Much Ado About Clotting: A Guide For Your Clinical Practice

Disclosure:
Jack Black; Speaker; Consultant; Boehringer-Ingelheim, Janssen Pharmaceuticals
Use the ACCME Flowchart to Answer the Questions Below

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

B: Is Dr. Jack Black an employee/owner of Boehringer-Ingelheim and/or Janssen? **NO**

C: Is there a relevant financial relationship? **YES**
   - Any amount ($)? **YES**
   - In the past 12 months? **YES**
   - Products/services of the ACCME-defined commercial interest (with which they have the financial relationship) are related to the content of the CME activity? **YES**
Resolution
Resolution

We reviewed Dr. Black’s slides prior to the activity. No commercial bias was perceived.

Dr. Black’s financial relationships were disclosed to learners in a slide at the beginning of his presentation.
Individuals Who Control Content

• Over the course of several review cycles, the ACCME has observed that some providers are not applying appropriate mechanisms to identify and resolve conflicts of interest for individuals who are engaged in planning CME activities (for example, CME committee members, course directors).
Case # 2
Can a provider leave it up to an individual who controls content to determine if his/her relevant financial relationship creates a conflict of interest that needs to be resolved?
Case #2

Activity:
2018-And The Beats Goes On

Disclosure:
Dr. Ryan, Course Director, planner and reviewer discloses he is on a speaker’s bureau with Sanofi Pharmaceutical and, he is also receiving royalties with the device company, PQ Bypass that he has an interest in.
Dr. Ryan’s Disclosure

Disclosure of Relevant Financial Relationships for Continuing Professional Education

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**Criteria for Disclosure of Financial Relationships with Commercial Interests in Continuing Education**

1. **RELATIVE TO THIS ACTIVITY**, instructors, planners, content reviewers, and managers who have significant financial relationships with any commercial entity that produces, markets, distributes, or has a financial interest in a commercial product or service related to this continuing education activity must disclose that information in writing. The disclosure must include all relevant relationships for the previous 12 months. Financial relationships do not have to be eliminated, but they must be disclosed.

2. Financial relationships with commercial interests not related to the activity (i.e., any entity producing, marketing, re-selling, or distributing health care goods or services consumed by patients, providers, or research) do not have to be disclosed.

3. **RELATIVE TO THE CONTENTS OF THE ACTIVITY**, instructors, planners, content reviewers, and managers who have significant financial relationships with a commercial entity that produces, markets, distributes, or has a financial interest in a commercial product or service related to the activity must disclose that information in writing. The disclosure must include all relevant relationships for the previous 12 months. Financial relationships do not have to be eliminated, but they must be disclosed.

4. Financial relationships with governmental agencies (e.g., the NIH) and organizations that do not bill the above definitions do not have to be disclosed.

5. Honoraria received or consulting fees, from a CE provider, even though those funds may have been provided to the CE provider through an educational grant, do not have to be disclosed.

6. **RELATIVE TO THE CONTENTS OF THE ACTIVITY**, instructors, planners, content reviewers, and managers who have significant financial relationships with a commercial entity that produces, markets, distributes, or has a financial interest in a commercial product or service related to the activity must disclose that information in writing. The disclosure must include all relevant relationships for the previous 12 months. Financial relationships do not have to be eliminated, but they must be disclosed.

7. If your sponsor or the planner has a relevant financial relationship with an applicable commercial interest (e.g., in migfamrelone or a marketing advisor), or provides marketing advice to the applicable commercial interest as an advisor, you must include that disclosure in the table below.

8. In accordance with ACCME, ANCC, and ACRP requirements, failures to provide disclosure information in a timely manner will result in the disqualification of the presenters or planning committee members.

**Disclosure Statement**

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**Type of Financial Relationship with Commercial Entities Related to the Content and Setting of the Activity**

- Salary
- Consultancy
- Honoraria
- Other financial relationships
- Equity/Stock Ownership
- Intellectual Property Rights
- Expert Witness
- Research Funding
- Educational Grant

**PART 1: UNAGREED-APPROVED DRUGS**

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**PART 2: ADMISSION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Please indicate that you have reviewed and understood the disclosure information and certify that you have no financial relationships that could create a conflict of interest.

Signature: [Sign here]
Date: [Date]

My signature on the preceding page indicates that I have read and understood the information above and have not financial relationships that could create a conflict of interest.
Use the ACCME Flowchart to Answer the Questions Below

A: Are Sanofi Pharmaceutical and PQ Bypass an ACCME-defined commercial interests? YES

B: Is Dr. Randall Ryan an employee/owner of Sanofi Pharmaceutical and/or PQ Bypass? YES

C: Is there a relevant financial relationship? YES

Any amount ($)? YES

In the past 12 months? YES

Products/services of the ACCME-defined commercial interest (with which they have the financial relationship) are related to the content of the CME activity? YES
Resolution
Resolution

Due to Dr. Ryan being listed on the disclosure form as the Activity Director, Planner and Reviewer for this program, and according to the ACCME definition, if someone in connection to the activity has the opportunity to affect the content, they are “in control of content” a decision was made.

Dr. Ryan was requested to recuse himself. Another Activity Director was appointed that did not have any financial relationships to report.
Case # 3
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Activity:
Journal Club – monthly with a moderator

Disclosure:
Moderator has a conflict of interest that relates to September’s monthly Journal Club topic
Use the ACCME Flowchart to Answer the Questions Below

A: Do all participants in the Journal Club need to complete disclosure forms prior to participation? **YES**

B: How to resolve participants if applicable? **EXPLAINED IN THE RESOLUTION**

C: Is there a relevant financial relationship? **NO**

Any amount ($)? **NO**

In the past 12 months? **NO**

Products/services of the ACCME-defined commercial interest (with which they have the financial relationship) are related to the content of the CME activity? **NO**
Resolution
Resolution

It has been suggested that all the members of the department complete the disclosure so that if the moderator has a conflict then someone who is non-conflicted could be pulled from the learner group to moderate the session in his/her place.

The conflicted moderator does not need to leave the sessions but he/she does not participate in the discussion directly related to their conflict. The non-conflicted moderator runs the session and leads the discussion.
Thank you