

Commitment to comply with ACCME Standards for Commercial Support

Oregon Health & Science University is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education and all activities we plan must meet the ACCME Standards for Commercial Support of Continuing Medical Education and its standards of practice in CME. Accordingly, you are asked to complete the online disclosure form and to note the following information:

Information for Learners	Information on needs, expected results, and purpose or objectives will be provided to learners by OHSU.
Content Validation	OHSU expects that all of its CME programs will adhere to the ACCME's content validation value statements. Specifically, all the recommendations involving clinical medicine in a CME activity must be based on evidence that is accepted within the profession of medicine as adequate justification for their indications and contraindications <u>in the care of patients</u> . 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. Please contact the OHSU Division of Continuing Professional Development if you do not feel your presentation can meet these standards.
Safeguards Against Commercial Bias	OHSU expects that the content or format of CME activities and related materials will promote improvements or quality in healthcare and not a specific proprietary business interest of a commercial interest. Faculty may not accept any additional payments or reimbursements from any commercial interest for presenting CME activities for OHSU. In addition, CME must give a balanced view of therapeutic options. Use of generic names will contribute to this impartiality. If your CME educational material or content that includes trade names, trade names from several companies should be used where available, not just trade names from a single company.
Educational Materials	Educational materials that are a part of this activity, such as slides, abstracts, and handouts, cannot contain any advertising, trade names, or product-group messages.
Measurements of Effectiveness	OHSU will be seeking feedback from the learners on the effectiveness of this CME activity through course evaluations. We will be seeking information on the content of the program, the effectiveness of our faculty, whether course objectives were met and if any bias was detected.
Conflicts of Interest	Your relevant financial relationships, if any, will be disclosed to the learners prior to the activity. In addition, with your assistance we may employ one or more strategies to ensure the absence of commercial bias, including advance peer review of slides and syllabus material.

Glossary of Terms

Commercial Interest

The ACCME defines a "commercial interest" as any entity producing, marketing, re-selling or distributing health care goods or services consumed by, or used on patients.

Financial relationships

Financial relationships are those relationships in which the individual benefits by receiving a salary, royalty, intellectual property rights, 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

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. 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 of 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 conflict of interest when an individual has an opportunity to affect CME content about products or services of a commercial interest with which they have a financial relationship.