

The American Society for Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology
Disclosure of Interest Policy

On September 28, 2004, the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) announced its adoption of the Updated Standards of Commercial Support effective for all CME activities after May 2005.

As an accredited provider of CME credit, ASCCP is required to comply with these standards and has implemented a disclosure process to ensure that anyone who is in a position to affect the content of the educational activity has disclosed to us all relevant financial relationships with any commercial interest. ASCCP is required to then disclose to learners any relevant financial relationship(s) to include the following information: 1) the name of the individual; 2) the name of the commercial interest; and, 3) the nature of the relationship the person has with each commercial interest.

ASCCP is required to provide this disclosure information to its learners prior to the beginning of the educational activity. If a person has no relevant relationship(s), the learners must be informed that no relevant financial relationship(s) exist(s).

Those persons found to have perceived conflicts will be contacted by the course director or by the Program Committee or Education Committee chairperson and provided with methods to manage the conflict. This may include content review. Failure or refusal to disclose or the inability to resolve the identified conflict will result in the withdrawal of the invitation to participate.

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I, _____, am associated with the American Society for Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology in the following capacity/capacities (please check all that apply):

- Serving on the Society's Program Committee or Education Committee: _____
- Serving as a director of a postgraduate course or Biennial meeting: _____
- Lecturing for a postgraduate course: _____
- Lecturing for a Biennial meeting: _____
- Presenting an Abstract at a Biennial meeting: _____
- Editing and/or Authoring an enduring material: _____

ASCCP members and the general public place great trust in the work of the Society. Real or perceived undisclosed conflicts of interest may jeopardize that trust and ASCCP's effectiveness. Conflicts of interest also may affect the objectivity of decisions that ASCCP officers and volunteers make.

To minimize the potential impact of possible conflicts of interest, the Board of Directors has determined that all participants in ASCCP activities must reveal all real or potential conflicts prior to the activity being developed and delivered to the learners. Most of these involve financial relationships with commercial interests. Commercial interests are defined as any proprietary entity producing health care goods or services consumed by or used on patients. These may include pharmaceutical companies, device manufacturers or distributors, service companies, or other for-profit entities. Relationships with commercial interests may affect how officers or volunteers view products or services. They may also prompt outsiders to assume bias even when none exists, harming the reputation and effectiveness of the Society.

Specific relationships with potential to create conflict of interest can include direct employment, management positions including directorships and officerships, royalties, consultant or advisor relationships, membership on speakers bureaus, consultant or advisor positions, expert testimony especially to regulatory bodies or in litigation, ownership of stock or stock options, research funding, honoraria, gifts including travel or other in-kind payments, intellectual property rights, and participation in sponsored research as a principal investigator. Contracted research funded by a commercial interest also creates a potential conflict of interest; this includes research funding by which an employing institution receives a grant and manages funds and the CME provider serves as principal or named investigator on the grant. Investments made through diversified mutual funds or blind trusts in which the participant does not exercise decisional control are excluded. Usually primary employment by a nonprofit or governmental organization does not create potential for conflict, but compensation to employers based on an individual's work with a for-profit company may create bias that must be reported. Income from commercial entities unrelated to health care does not create a potential for conflict of interest.

By disclosing all relationships, participants and the Society allow others to judge the extent to which conflicts may have affected judgments in conscious or unconscious ways. If the potential for any relationship to create conflict of interest appears doubtful, then it should be disclosed.

I hereby disclose the following relationships as the only relationships that I, my business associates or family/spouse/partner have had or held over the past 12 months that may be construed to create real or potential conflict of interest:

<i>Examples:</i>	Corporate entity	What was received*	For what role
	<i>Company X</i>	<i>Honorarium</i>	<i>Speaker</i>
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Corporate entity	What was received*	For what role

**Note that ASCCP does not wish to know specific dollar amounts received. To conform with ACCME guidelines, a relationship involving any amount must be disclosed.*

Or, I have no potential conflicts of interest to disclose *(initial please)* : _____

I understand that if any subject is discussed or presented to me for action that creates a conflict between any personal or other extra-Society interests and my Society responsibilities, I will not participate in the subject in any capacity, unless officially requested to do so.

I understand that all materials I develop shall be free of commercial bias and shall reflect best available evidence.

I understand that this information will be held confidential by the Society, except that it may be released to the Board of Directors and the Ethics Committee of the Society. Information also may be released when participants participate in continuing medical education activities when required to conform to the guidelines of the ACCME. This information may be used by the Society to determine when potential conflict of interest appears sufficient to preclude participation in decision-making regarding commercial products or services.

Date

Signature

*This form must be updated as changes in relationships occur or at least once per year and returned to:
 ASCCP, 20 W Washington Street, Suite 1, Hagerstown, MD 21740*