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Statement of Independence from Commercial Interest

Title of Educational Activity: _____

Event Date: _____

Date(s) Proposed for Activity: _____

Purpose of statement: *This statement is required from all educational planners, trainers, speakers and volunteers to demonstrate ACRP's adherence to the accepted Standards for Commercial Support as applied to the planning of educational activities of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) and California Board of Registered Nurses (CBRN) and which will enable ACRP to document that its CME activities promote activities/educational interventions that are designed to change competence, performance, or patient outcomes and not the proprietary interests of any commercial organization.*

I confirm to have received, read and accepted ACRP' Policy on Disclosures, Relevant to Potential Commercial Bias and Financial Relationships (2015) – See Appendix A in this document.

For the above mentioned educational activity, I act as (*check one as appropriate*):

- Educational Planner
- Trainer
- Speaker
- Volunteer

* Volunteer includes committee member

I confirm the following statements:

- I will disclose to ACRP and participants of educational activities, all relevant financial relationships with commercial interests so that methods to resolve any conflicts of interest may be implemented prior to the CME activity taking place.
- I will disclose to ACRP and participants of educational activities, all relevant financial relationships, and/or no financial relationship, of all persons in a position to affect the content of the CME educational activity.
- The management of any commercial support received will strictly adhere to the ACCME Standards for Commercial Support. Disclosure to the learners of relevant financial relationships and any commercial support of the activity will also occur.

I confirm that I understand and will abide to the following requirements:

- Product or service promotion material or product-specific advertisement of any type is prohibited in or during CME activities. The juxtaposition of editorial and advertising material on the same



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products or subjects will be avoided. Any live (staffed exhibits, presentations) or enduring (printed or electronic advertisements) promotional activities must be kept separate from CME content.

- For computer-based activities, advertisements and promotional materials cannot be visible on the screen at the same time as the CME content and not interleaved between computer ‘windows’ or screens of the CME content. Advertising of any type is prohibited within the educational content of CME activities on the internet including, but not limited to, banner ads, subliminal ads, and pop-up window ads. For computer based CME activities, advertisements and promotional materials may not be visible on the screen at the same time as the CME content and not interleaved between computer windows or screens of the CME content.
- For audio and video recording, advertisements and promotional materials will not be included within the CME. There will be no ‘commercial breaks’.
- For live, face-to-face CME, advertisements and promotional materials cannot be displayed or distributed in the educational space immediately before, during or after a CME activity.
- Educational materials that are part of a CME activity, such as slides, abstracts and hand-outs, cannot contain any advertising, corporate logo, trade name or a product-group message of an ACCME-defined commercial interest.
- The content or format of a CME activity or its related materials must promote improvements in competency and performance and not a specific proprietary business interest of a commercial interest.
- Presentations must give a balanced view of the topic area. Use of generic names will contribute to this impartiality. If the CME educational material or content includes trade names, where available trade names from several companies should be used, not just trade names from a single company.
- The intent of *ACRP’ Policy on Disclosures, Relevant to Potential Commercial Bias and Financial Relationships (2015)* is not to prevent planner with a potential conflict of interest from participating, but to openly identify any potential relationship so that the participants may form their own judgments from the full disclosure of the facts. It remains for the audience to determine whether the outside interest may reflect a possible bias in either the exposition or the conclusions presented.
- Planners, Trainers, Speakers and Volunteers are expected to openly disclose inclusion of any discussion of any off-label, experimental, or investigational use of drugs or devices in the presentations. These products are listed below:





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Conflict of interest in relation to this program (check one as appropriate)

- I have no relevant financial relationship in relation to this educational activity.
- I have a financial interest/arrangement or affiliation with one or more organizations that could be perceived as a real or apparent relationship in the context of the subject of this presentation or in the planning of this educational activity (complete details in table below).

Affiliation/Financial Interest

Name of Organization

- | | |
|--|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grant/Research Support | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Consultant | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Speaker's Bureau | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Major Stock Shareholder | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Financial or Material Support | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Employee of | _____ |

Name (printed): _____

Signature: _____

Date:



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Appendix A: Policy on Disclosures Relevant to Potential Commercial Bias and Financial Relationships (2015)

1. A relevant financial relationship is defined as a financial relationship in any amount occurring in the past 12 months that creates a conflict of interest. Financial relationships are those relationships in which the individual benefits by receiving a salary, royalty, intellectual property rights, consulting fee, honoraria, ownership interest or other financial benefit. Financial benefits are usually associated with roles such as employment, management position, independent contractor, 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. The ACCME has not set a minimum dollar amount for relationships to be significant. Inherent in any amount is the incentive to maintain or increase the value of the relationship.
2. 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. The ACCME considers financial relationships to create actual conflicts of interest in CME when individuals have both a financial relationship with a commercial interest and the opportunity to affect the content of CME about the products or services of that commercial interest. With respect to financial relationships with commercial interests, when a person divests themselves of a relationship it is immediately not relevant to conflicts of interest but must be disclosed to the learners for 12 months.
3. Completed disclosure forms must be received in sufficient time to be reviewed and discussed by the appropriate monitoring group, i.e. the Professional Development Staff or relevant committee. Planners, presenters, trainers, designers, developer and authors shall receive clear and unambiguous instructions that failure to return the form in a timely manner will result in disqualification from participation in the continuing education activity. Reminders (calls, e-mails, faxes) shall be sent at reasonable periods prior to the deadline.
4. Learning' providers failing or refusing to complete the disclosure form in ample time to be reviewed by the monitoring group shall be prohibited from participation automatically.
5. The following information regarding relevant financial relationship(s) of all individuals in a position to control continuing education content will be disclosed to learners:
 - a) The name of the individual
 - b) The name of the commercial interest(s) with which the relationship exists;
 - c) The nature of the relationship the individual has with each commercial interest.
6. For an individual with no relevant financial relationship(s), the learners will be informed that no relevant financial relationship(s) exist.



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7. The source of all support from commercial interests will be disclosed to learners. When commercial support is “in-kind” (non-financial support), the nature of the support must be disclosed to learners.
8. Education materials that are part of a CME activity, such as slides, abstracts and handouts cannot contain any advertising, corporate logo, trade name or a product-group message of an ACCME-defined commercial interest.
9. There should be a written letter of agreement (LOA) between ACRP and the source of commercial support (educational grant) indicating that all decisions made concerning the CME/CE activity were made free of the control of the commercial interest.
10. All disclosure information will be provided to learners prior to the beginning of the educational activity.
11. All planning committee members, teachers, presenters, editors, and authors must complete a Full Disclosure Form indicating any relevant financial relationship(s).
12. The information from the Full Disclosure Forms will be presented in writing in activity materials.
13. The source and nature of all support from commercial interests will be disclosed to learners in writing in all promotional and activity materials.
14. If circumstances that give rise to a new potential Conflict of Interest, you will notify ACRP and must complete a new Conflict of Interest form.