



Compliance with CME Disclosure Policy

Disclosure of Financial Relationships and Resolution of Conflicts of Interest

Each Section/Council has an Abstract Chair and Review Committee that is responsible for reviewing and resolving the relevant financial relationships disclosed by **ALL** abstract authors/presenters. Prior to fulfilling this responsibility, the Abstract Chair and Review Committee members also must disclose and their relevant financial relationships be reviewed and resolved by the appropriate individual(s).

In accordance with the *AAP Policy on Disclosure of Financial Relationships and Resolution of Conflicts of Interest for AAP CME Activities*, **ALL** authors of a proposed abstract must disclose:

1. **Financial Relationships** (within 12 months of submitting the disclosure information), and
2. **Discussion of Off-label (Unapproved)/Investigational Uses of Products**

An author's disclosure is relevant and specific to the content of his/her abstract presentation. If his/her potential conflict of interest relates to other content that will not be discussed in his/her abstract presentation, he/she does not need to disclose those relationships.

*Employee Relationships of ACCME-defined Commercial Interests**: If an abstract author discloses an employee relationship of an ACCME-defined commercial interest*, AAP section/council staff should contact the individual to obtain more information to better understand the nature of the employee relationship and the individual's involvement in the abstract submission. The abstract should be removed from consideration as an oral abstract presentation, and the abstract chair should then review this information and the abstract to consider the abstract as a poster presentation, which is not designated for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™*.

For oral abstract presentations, which are designated for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™*, an employee of an ACCME-defined commercial interest* is prohibited from being an author or presenter of an abstract that is selected.

For poster presentations, which are not designated for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™*, an employee of an ACCME-defined commercial interest* is allowed to be an author of an abstract that is selected; however, that individual is prohibited from being the person who is responsible for verbally describing the findings on the poster to learners. An abstract author's participation in a poster presentation should be determined as follows:

- If it is determined that the individual's involvement in the abstract submission and content clearly relates to discovery and/or research, not the product/business lines of an ACCME-defined commercial interest*, then he/she is allowed to participate in the content of the poster presentation. However, the individual cannot be the one who orally presents the abstract/content findings to learners, as another member of that abstract team (e.g., someone without an employee relationship with an ACCME-defined commercial interest*) must present the content in the poster presentation.



- If it is determined that the individual's involvement in the abstract submission and content clearly does not relate to discovery and/or research, but rather to the product/business lines of an ACCME-defined commercial interest*, then that abstract submission is not approved as a poster presentation.

Disclosure Review Process

The Abstract Chair (only) is responsible for reviewing and resolving any potential conflicts of interest for the Abstract Review Committee members.

The Abstract Chair and/or Abstract Review Committee are responsible for reviewing and resolving any potential conflicts of interest for ALL **accepted abstract authors/abstract presenters.**

AAP National Conference/CME staff are responsible for reviewing and resolving the Program Chair and Abstract Chair's disclosures (the Abstract Chair may also serve as the Program Chair).

No abstract proposals should be accepted until all authors listed have completed a disclosure via the AAP online abstract management system.

In the unlikely event that none of the authors are able to serve as the on-site oral or poster abstract presenter, please contact the National Conference CME Manager for additional information and to consider other strategies.

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Compliance With ACCME Guidelines and AAP Policy Highlights

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