

Disclosure of Relevant Financial Relationships with Commercial Interests

Print Name with Credentials: _____

CME Activity: _____

Date and Location of Activity: _____

Thank you for participating in our CME activity. St. Mary's Medical Center (SMMC) is accredited by the Indiana State Medical Association (ISMA) to provide Continuing Medical Education for physicians.

SMMC has implemented a process where everyone who is in a position to control the content of an education activity has disclosed to us all relevant financial relationships with any commercial interest (see below for definitions). In addition, should it be determined that a conflict of interest exists as a result of a financial relationship you may have, this will need to be resolved prior to the activity. This information is necessary in order for us to be able to move to the next steps in planning this CME activity. If you refuse to disclose relevant financial relationships, you will be disqualified from being a part of the planning and implementation of this CME activity.

First, list the names of any commercial interests (defined in "Glossary of Terms" below) with which you or your spouse/partner have, or have had, a relevant financial relationship within the past 12 months. For this purpose we consider the relevant financial relationships of your spouse or partner that you are aware of to be yours.

Second, describe what you or your spouse/partner received (ex: salary, fee, research grant, honorarium etc.) St. Mary's Medical Center does NOT want to know how much you received.

Third, describe your role.

Commercial Interest(s)	Nature of Relevant Financial Relationship (Include all those that apply)	
	What was received	For What Role?
<i>Example: Company 'X'</i>	<i>Speaker Fee</i>	<i>Presenter</i>
I do not have any relevant financial relationships with any commercial interests.		

Signature _____

Date _____

Example terminology

What was received: 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.

My Role(s): Employment, management position, independent contractor (including contracted research), consulting, speaking and teaching, membership on advisory committees or review panels, board membership, and other activities (please specify).

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. The ACCME does not consider providers of clinical service directly to patients to be commercial interests. For more information, see www.accme.org.

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 he/she has a financial relationship.