

TEXAS ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS

Policy For Management of Conflict of Interest

This policy applies to anyone having control of, or responsibility for, the development, management, presentation or evaluation of a Texas Academy of Family Physicians CME activity having any relevant financial relationships with any commercial interest. This includes any individual from TAFP's planning committee, member of the Commission on Annual Session and CME, members of the staff of TAFP, joint sponsor or cosponsor's staff, speakers, moderators or authors of a CME activity. It is the responsibility of the Texas Academy of Family Physicians to manage conflicts of interest using the following process:

- All parties listed above will complete the TAFP Disclosure Form, which will disclose any relevant financial 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.
- An individual who refuses to disclose relevant financial relationships will be disqualified from participation in the CME activity.
- A TAFP, joint sponsor or cosponsor staff member with a relevant conflict of interest will be disqualified from any responsibility in the planning process that could influence the content of the CME activity.
- The CME planner will review all disclosures for every CME activity. If the disclosure reveals no relevant financial relationship, no conflict will exist.
- If a member of the planning committee or Commission on Annual Session and CME reveals a relevant financial relationship with a commercial interest, that committee member will not be allowed to review presentations for a CME activity for which support has been provided by that commercial interest.
- If a speaker, moderator or author's disclosure reveals a relevant financial relationship, then the following steps need to be taken:
 - Presentation is reviewed by a member of Commission on Annual Session and CME or program chair. Review direction is given in accordance with the Content Validation and Compliance Form.
 - Issues identified by the TAFP staff compliance coordinator and/or physician reviewer are communicated to the presenter.
 - Once the presentation has been reviewed and approved by the TAFP staff compliance coordinator and a member of the planning committee, that speaker, teacher or author will not be allowed to make any changes to his or her presentation.
 - Participants are asked to evaluate the objectivity of the presentation or publication and to identify any perceived commercial bias.

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