



⚡ CME Accreditation Policies for Presenters ⚡

Disclosure of Faculty and Commercial Relationships

The Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), our national accrediting organization, has directed all accredited sponsors to adopt a conflict of interest policy. The policy must inform CME participants of speakers' relevant financial interests related to the topics he or she will discuss. The policy follows:

Every speaker at a CME activity sponsored by the School of Medicine, University of Missouri, must complete a Conflict of Interest Disclosure form. The information disclosed will be shared with the participants of the CME activity.

Relevant interests include any/all relationships between a speaker and/or their spouse or partner and a commercial firm which could give the appearance of a conflict of interest when the speaker addresses topics related to the products of that firm.

Presentation Content (ACCME/FDA Guidelines)

- Representatives of industry may not determine the content of a speaker's presentation. Handouts and AV material may not include promotional material for any drug or medical device.
- The CME activity taken as a whole must give a balanced view of therapeutic options. Even if one particular approach is advocated, alternatives must be discussed fairly.
- Speakers should clearly indicate when they are stating personal opinion or clinical impressions rather than research-based conclusions. When presenting research-based conclusions, the studies must be discussed or at least referenced in handouts.
- When discussing unlabeled or investigational uses of a drug or medical device, these uses must be clearly identified as such. This holds true for handouts as well as presentations and discussions.
- Generic names for drugs and devices should be used in handouts and discussion. In cases where a brand name is better known than the generic, the speaker may alleviate this problem by a brief explanation of the product's generic name, followed by use of the generic name in the remainder of the presentation or handout.