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National Conference & Exhibition Abstracts and Abstract Presentations

This document contains important information on the following:

- Disclosure of financial relationships and resolution of conflicts of interest; compliance with AAP CME disclosure policy
- AAP Committee on CME (COCME) Guidelines for Addressing Intellectual Property in AAP CME Activities
- *AAP Policy on Allegations of Plagiarism*
- Development of presentation material, validation of clinical content, copyright

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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).

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2. **Discussion of Off-label (Unapproved)/Investigational Uses of Products**

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 - 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 may participate in the content of the poster presentation, either as an author or presenter.
 - 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 may not be accepted as a poster presentation.

Disclosure Review and Conflict of Interest Resolution 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 oral** abstract authors/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 abstracts 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 can serve as the oral or poster abstract presenter onsite, please contact the National Conference CME Manager for additional information and to consider other strategies.

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- While these financial relationships do not need to be disclosed to learners as part of the National Conference disclosure grid, poster presenters must list their financial relationships on their posters.

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- A Resolution of Conflicts of Interest Form for AAP CME activities or similar tool (eg, spreadsheet) should be completed for all oral abstract presenters/authors who disclose financial relationships with commercial interests to document if conflicts of interest exist and how they are resolved.
 - If Abstract Chairs/Review Committees determine there is no conflict of interest, the abstract may be confirmed for oral presentation.
 - If Abstract Chairs/Review Committees determine there is a conflict of interest, they should then determine if the abstract should be either 1) presented as a poster, which is not designated for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™*, or 2) rejected.
- Documentation that shows the selected resolution actually occurred is mandatory; examples of this documentation include spreadsheets, emails, notes, minutes, screenshots, etc.

Compliance With ACCME Guidelines and AAP Policy Highlights

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