



## Policy on Identification and Resolution of Conflicts of Interest

The following policy governs all American College of Nurse-Midwives sponsored continuing education (CE) activities:

### 1. Identification of Conflicts of Interest (COI)

- A. Any relevant financial relationships that individuals who develop and participate in CE activities have with commercial interest(s) that produce healthcare products or services.
- B. Any person involved with the planning and delivery of a CE activity, and who has an opportunity to affect the content is required to submit a *Disclosure Form for Educational Activities*.
- C. Prior to final approval each individual speaker/planning committee member/faculty/panelist must complete and return his/her disclosure paperwork. ACNM will review the information to determine if relationships exist that could create a COI with regard to the individual's control of CE content.
- D. Individuals refusing to disclose will be disqualified from participating in the CE activity in any capacity.
- E. Should no conflict of interest be identified, the individual may be confirmed in their role in the activity.

### 2. Resolution of COIs

The individual disclosing the COI will be contacted and asked for clarification or additional information. Upon receipt and review of this additional information, methods of resolution will be identified and discussed with the individual. Resolution methods may include, but not be limited to, one or more of the following:

- A. The individual disclosing the COI provides documentation to ACNM that they have divested themselves of the relationship
- B. In-house review: A member of ACNM's staff will review presentation slides, abstracts, and any other education/handout materials for appropriate references, level of evidence, fair-balance, and non-commercial interest.
- C. Peer review: External validation by an ACNM consultant reviewer who has the experience to review the materials and evaluate for clinical relevance, level(s) of evidence, conclusions and document to ACNM the presentation(s) is/are fair balanced, non-biased, and practice recommendations are evidence based.
- D. Assigning a different topic for the individual
- E. Assigning different faculty for the topic
- F. Cancellation of the faculty

3. Regardless of the method used, the resolution process and outcomes will be documented in the CE activity file.

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