**Maine Medical Education Trust**

**COMMITTEE ON CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION**

**FACULTY DISCLOSURE DECLARATION**

The **Maine Medical Education Trust** must insure balance, independence, objectivity, and scientific rigor in all its individually sponsored or jointly sponsored educational activities. All faculty participating in **an accredited** activity are expected to disclose to the activity audience any financial interest with the manufacturer(s)**, distributors, marketers or resellers** of any **health care** product~~(~~s~~)~~ **or** services discussed in an educational presentation. Financial interest or other relationship can include such things as grants or research support, employee, consultant, major stock holder, member of speaker’s bureau. The intent of this disclosure is not to prevent a speaker with a financial or other relationship from making a presentation, but rather to provide listeners with information on which they can make their own judgments. It remains for the audience to determine whether the speaker’s interests or relationships may influence the presentation with regard to exposition or conclusion.

**PLEASE NOTE: *Disclosures are required of all faculty participating in sponsored or jointly sponsored educational activities. However, in-house faculty members are obligated to sign only one disclosure form per year (unless there is a change in their disclosure status) to cover a number of CME activities on the same subject, at their own institutions whereas, outside speakers are required to sign a disclosure form for each program at which they* speak.**

**TITLE OF CME PROGRAM:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**PRESENTER/FACULTY NAME**: Click or tap here to enter text.

**DATE OF PROGRAM**: Click or tap to enter a date.

**TITLE OF PRESENTATION**: Click or tap here to enter text.

**OBJECTIVES:**

1. Click or tap here to enter text.

2. Click or tap here to enter text.

3. Click or tap here to enter text.

Will your presentation include discussion of any products or services **of an ACCME-defined commercial interest?**

**Commercial Support** for a CME activity is financial, or [in-kind](http://www.accme.org/node/6144), contributions given by a commercial interest, which is used to pay all or part of the costs of a CME activity. The definition of roles and requirements when commercial support is received are outlined in the [ACCME Standards for Commercial Support](http://www.accme.org/requirements/accreditation-requirements-cme-providers/standards-for-commercial-support) (SM). **NOTE: Include all relationships within 12 months prior to the activity.**

 **Yes** [ ]  **No** [ ]

If yes, do you have a financial interest or other relationship within the previous 12 months with the manufacturers, distributors, marketers or resellers of any of the products or services you intend to discuss?

 **Yes** [ ]  **No** [ ]

If yes, please list the manufacturers,distributors, marketers or resellers and describe the nature of the relationship(s).

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**2. DEFINITIONS**

2.1 Financial Interest. A person has a "financial interest" if the person will benefit in some way from an action taken by CCMEA, including if he or she has, directly or indirectly, through business, investment or an immediate family member: (a) An existing or potential ownership or investment interest in any entity with which CCMEA has a transaction, contract, or other arrangement, or (b) A compensation arrangement with any entity or individual with which CCMEA has a transaction, contract, or other arrangement, or (c) An existing or potential ownership or investment interest in, or compensation arrangement with, any entity or individual with which the CCMEA is negotiating a transaction, contract, or other arrangement, or (d) An existing or potential ownership or investment interest in, or compensation arrangement with, any entity whose business or operation has been or will be directly affected by a decision or action of the CCMEA. 2.2 Interested Committee Member. "Interested Committee Member" shall mean any member who has a material financial interest, as defined herein, or who serves as a director or officer of any entity with which CCMEA has an arrangement.
2.3 Material Financial Interest. A "financial interest" is a "material financial interest" if the effect on a person, his immediate family member or a company or firm in which he has a financial interest, is significant.

Electronic Signature: Click or tap here to enter text. Date: Click or tap to enter a date.

Your cooperation in complying with this policy is appreciated. Please return this form to: gbegin@mainemed.com

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# Statement of Conflict Resolution and Disclosure including Content Validation

In accordance with the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) Standards for Commercial Support: Standards to Ensure Independence in CME Activities it is the policy of MAINE MEDICAL EDUCATION TRUST to ensure balance, independence, objectivity and scientific rigor in all of its continuing medical education (CME) activities.

MAINE MEDICAL EDUCATION TRUST requires everyone who is in a position to control the content of a CME activity to disclose all relevant financial relationships with any commercial interest. This information is utilized to 1) determine if a conflict exists, 2) resolve the conflict by initiating a content validation process, and 3) advise learners of this information. Any individual who refuses to (or chooses not to) disclose relevant financial relationships will be disqualified from participating as an instructor, planner or manager and cannot have control of or responsibility for the development, management, presentation or evaluation of a CME activity certified by MAINE MEDICAL EDUCATION TRUST.

Disclosures received by MAINE MEDICAL EDUCATION TRUST from individuals in a position to control CME content are made transparent to learners prior to participating in the activity. MAINE MEDICAL EDUCATION TRUST discloses the following information to learners: 1) the name of the individual, 2) the name of the commercial interest(s), and 3) the nature of the relationship the individual has with the commercial interest. MAINE MEDICAL EDUCATION TRUST also discloses to learners the name(s) of commercial interests supporting each CME activity.

Once a conflict is identified, a content validation process is initiated to ensure that the content or format of the CME activity and related materials will promote improvements or quality in healthcare and not promote a specific proprietary business interest of a commercial interest. To this end, it is the policy of MAINE MEDICAL EDUCATION TRUST to conduct an unbiased review of all planned content for CME activities certified for credit to ensure adherence to the ACCME content validation statements and to resolve any actual or perceived conflict of interest that exists.

MAINE MEDICAL EDUCATION TRUST employs three primary metrics to validate CME content: 1) fair balance, 2) the scientific objectivity of studies mentioned in the materials or used as the basis for content, and 3) appropriateness of patient care recommendations made to learners.

CME Definition

Continuing medical education consists of educational activities which serve to maintain, develop, or increase the knowledge, skills, and professional performance and relationships that a physician uses to provide services for patients, the public, or the profession. The content of CME is that body of knowledge and skills generally recognized and accepted by the profession as within the basic medical sciences, the discipline of clinical medicine, and the provision of health care to the public.

ACCME’s definition of CME content include;

* Management, for physicians responsible for managing a health care facility
* Educational methodology, for physicians teaching in a medical school
* Practice management, for physicians interested in providing better service to patients
* Coding and reimbursement in a medical practice

All faculty and planners receive this faculty disclosure that communicates the MAINE MEDICAL EDUCATION TRUST information concerning expectations related to content validation and safeguards against commercial bias which are detailed. An individual presentation or initial draft of a conflicted faculty member’s content are reviewed by a MAINE MEDICAL EDUCATION TRUST staff member. If there are concerns identified by the content validation process, feedback may be requested from the course director or program chair of MAINE MEDICAL EDUCATION TRUST.

MAINE MEDICAL EDUCATION TRUST requests that learners evaluate activities for the potential presence of bias.