

**NASSAU UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER (Appendix IVb)  
Office of Continuing Medical Education**

**FACULTY DISCLOSURE POLICY**

As a provider accredited by the Medical Society of the State of New York (MSSNY) to provide continuing medical education for physicians, Nassau University Medical Center (NUMC) must ensure balance, independence, objectivity, and scientific rigor in all its directly provided or jointly provided educational activities. We are required to identify all relevant financial relationships with any commercial interest; determine whether these relationships create a conflict of interest with the individual's control of content and resolve all conflicts before the educational activity occurs.

NUMC relies upon Course Directors, planners, moderators, and invited faculty participants in its CME programs to provide educational information that is objective and free from bias. In this spirit, and in accordance with the ACCME Standards for Integrity and Independence in Accredited Continuing Education, anyone with the potential to control the content of a CME activity must disclose **all** financial relationships that they have had in the past 24 months with ineligible companies—regardless of amount and nature of the relationship and regardless of the potential relevance of each relationship to the education.

A relevant financial relationship exists if all 3 conditions are met:

- 1) Financial relationship in any amount exists between the person in control of content and an ineligible company.
- 2) The financial relationship existed during the past 24 months.
- 3) Content of the education is related to the products of an ineligible company with whom the person has a financial relationship.

All commercial relationships that create a conflict with the faculty's control of content must be mitigated before the educational activity occurs.

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**Glossary of Terms**

**Ineligible company**

The ACCME defines a “commercial interest” as any entity producing, marketing, re-selling, or distributing health care goods or services, used on, or consumed by, patients. The ACCME does not consider providers of clinical service directly to patients to be ineligible entities. For more information, visit [www.accme.org](http://www.accme.org).

**Financial relationships**

Financial relationships are those relationships in which the individual benefits by receiving a salary, royalty, intellectual property rights, consulting fee, honoraria, ownership interest (e.g., stocks, stock options or other ownership interest, excluding diversified mutual funds), or other financial benefit. Financial benefits are usually associated with roles such as employment, management position, independent contractor (including contracted research), consulting, speaking and teaching, membership on advisory committees or review panels, board membership, and other activities from which remuneration is received, or expected.

**Relevant financial relationships**

ACCME focuses on financial relationships with ineligible companies in the 24-month period preceding the time that the individual is being asked to assume a role controlling content of the CME activity. ACCME has not set a minimal dollar amount for relationships to be significant. Inherent in any amount is the incentive to maintain or increase the value of the relationship. The ACCME defines “relevant” financial relationships” as financial relationships in any amount occurring within the past 24 months that create a conflict of interest.

**Conflict of Interest**

Circumstances create a conflict of interest when the content of education is related to the products of an ineligible company with whom the person has a financial relationship.