

MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF OHIO AT TOLEDO

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OFFICIAL POLICY



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POLICY

Specific planning processes and organizational criteria must be followed when resolving a conflict of interest in a CME activity approved for Category 1 AMA PRA credit.

PURPOSE

To maintain compliance with the ACCME Essential Areas and Elements and to keep activities free of influence or control of a commercial entity, the Medical University of Ohio/St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center requires that the content of continuing medical education activities and related materials provide balance, independence, objectivity and scientific rigor. .

PROCEDURE

1. All recommendations in CME activities involving clinical medicine must be based on evidence accepted within the medical profession.
2. All scientific research used to support patient care recommendations must conform to generally accepted standards of experimental design, data collection and analysis.
3. Conflict of Interest is present when a planner or speaker has both a financial relationship with a commercial interest and the opportunity to affect content relevant to products or services of the commercial interest.
4. Conflict of interest may also include relationships of a spouse or partner.
5. **See attached flow sheet** for the procedure to follow as well as examples of letters to be used when resolving conflict of interest.

Approved by: <hr/> Senior Vice President, Medical Affairs Dean, College of Medicine	Policies Superseded by This Policy:
<i>Review/Revision Completed by:</i> Dean, College of Medicine Associate Dean for Continuing Medical Education	<i>Revision/Review Date:</i> Updated 12/05

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