



CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT

Conflict of interest exists when a participant (or a member of their immediate family (parent, spouse, child, or sibling)) has financial or personal relationships that inappropriately influence (bias) his or her actions.

Financial relationships (such as employment, consultancies, stock ownership, honoraria, or paid expert testimony) are the most easily identifiable conflicts of interest. The conditions of financial relationships and funding have the potential to bias and otherwise discredit research and to undermine the credibility of participants; however, other types of conflict of interest also exist. All participants should disclose any relationships that could be viewed as presenting a potential conflict of interest.

To maintain the objectivity and credibility of the process, all participants must disclose any conflicts of interest. All participants must declare potential, perceived or real conflicts that may influence or have the appearance of influencing the information submitted.

Conflict of interest declaration is requested for transparency — it does not negate or preclude the use of the patient group (or individual patient or caregiver in cases where there is no patient group) input.

Full Name

FINANCIAL RELATIONSHIP

1. Have you, or a member of your immediate family (parent, spouse, child, or sibling), in the past five years, accepted any of the following from an organization that may in any way gain or lose financially from the impact of participation in this engagement?

Funds for research? Reimbursement for attending a symposium? A fee for organizing education?
 A fee for speaking? Funds for a member of staff? Fees for consulting?

2. Have you, or a member of your immediate family (parent, spouse, child, or sibling), in the past five years, been employed by an organization that may in any way gain or lose financially from your participation in this engagement? Yes No

3. Do you, or a member of your immediate family (parent, spouse, child, or sibling) hold any stocks or shares in an organization that may in any way gain or lose financially from the results of your participation in this engagement? Yes No

4. Have you, or a member of your immediate family (parent, spouse, child, or sibling) acted as an expert witness on the subject of your participation in this engagement? Yes No

5. Do you, or a member of your immediate family (parent, spouse, child, or sibling) have any other competing financial interests? If so, please specify. Yes No

If you have answered "yes" to any of the above 5 questions, you may have a competing interest, which, in the spirit of openness, should be declared.

OTHER RELATIONSHIP

You may also choose to disclose competing interests that are not financial. The following list gives some examples.

- A close relationship with, or a strong antipathy to, a person whose interests may be affected by the input received as result of your participation in this engagement.
- An academic link or rivalry with somebody whose interests may be affected by results of your participation.
- Membership of a political party or special interest group whose interests may be affected by your participation.
- A deep personal or religious conviction that may have affected what you wrote and that readers/listeners should be aware of when reviewing you input to the engagement.

If you want to declare such a competing interest, please add it to your statement.

Check only one:

- I do not have a conflict of interest to declare.
- I have a conflict of interest and have attached here a statement declaring the circumstances of that conflict.

Signature

Date