



Nebraska Medical Association

Advocating for Physicians and the
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RESOLUTION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST IN REGULARLY SCHEDULED CONFERENCES/SERIES

Case conferences and journal clubs may be planned with global needs assessment and objectives. Disclosure for these activities may also be streamlined to accommodate the frequency and last-minute content that is inherent in this format for CME. Following is an example of a process to accomplish disclosure and resolution of conflicts of interest:

1. Designate a leader for the series.
2. Inform leader of disclosure and resolution of conflict of interest responsibilities. Design a plan with the leader.
3. Example plan:
 - a) Annual or semi-annual disclosure information obtained in advance for known participants. Resolve any potential conflicts of interests noted in the disclosure information.
 - b) Disclose this information to all participants by means of a handout or slide at each session.
 - c) Ask leader to approach any new participant at a given session to obtain disclosure information. Leader orally discloses that information to group.
 - d) Ask all participants to evaluate presence of commercial bias; i.e. session, monthly, or quarterly evaluation.
 - e) Through written attestation, leader confirms that disclosure process has been followed.
4. Review of series for compliance with disclosure would be part of the process to ensure disclosure and resolution of conflicts of interest is accomplished.