

Is the activity clinical in nature? Is the activity related to clinical knowledge or skills? Yes No -Collect financial relationship data from all in control of content (planners, presenters, content developers, -Proceed with activity all other faculty). Include ALL financial relationships planning for contact hours with ineligible companies for the past 24 months. ("CHs"). -No financial disclosure Any financial relationships reported from anyone in process required. control of content? Yes -Proceed with activity planning for contact hours ("CHs"). Were the relationships listed with an Ineligible -Include narrative of company¹? assessment on activity file / RFR forms -Disclosure to learners will No include that there are no Yes relevant financial relationships. -Proceed with activity Owner or planning for CHs. employee²? -Include narrative of assessment on activity file / RFR forms Yes, owner No; Affiliation only⁵ -Disclosure to learners will or employee include that there are no relevant financial -Proceed with activity planning for CHs. relationships. -Mitigate the relevant financial **Exclusions** relationship⁶. present³? -Complete NP Mitigation Worksheet. -Disclosure will include that relevant financial relationships were mitigated. Yes No -Proceed with activity planning for CHs. -Exclude presenter / planner /other faculty -Mitigate the relevant financial relationship⁴. from any role for the activity. -Complete the NP Mitigation Worksheet. -Document on activity document -Disclosure will include that relevant financial -Proceed with planning for CH. The person who relationships were mitigated. was excluded may not have any role.

- ¹: **Ineligible companies** are those whose primary business is producing, marketing, selling, re-selling, or distributing healthcare products used by or on patients. Examples include:
- -Advertising, marketing, or communication firms whose clients are ineligible companies
- -Bio-medical startups that have begun a governmental regulatory approval process
- -Compounding pharmacies that manufacture proprietary compounds
- -Device manufacturers or distributors
- -Diagnostic labs that sell proprietary products
- -Growers, distributors, manufacturers or sellers of medical foods and dietary supplements
- -Manufacturers of health related wearable products
- -Pharmaceutical companies or distributors
- -Pharmacy benefit managers
- -Reagent manufacturers or sellers

Eligible Companies include those whose mission and function are (1) providing clinical services directly to patients; or (2) the education of healthcare professionals; or (3) serving as fiduciary to patients, the public, or population health; and other organizations that are not otherwise eligible. Examples include:

- -Ambulatory procedure centers
- -Blood banks
- -Diagnostic labs that do not sell proprietary products
- -Electronic health records companies
- -Government or military agencies
- -Group medical practices
- -Health law firms
- -Health profession membership organizations
- -Hospitals or healthcare delivery systems
- -Infusion centers
- -Insurance or managed care companies
- -Nursing homes
- -Pharmacies that do not manufacture proprietary compounds
- -Publishing or education companies
- -Rehabilitation centers
- Non-employees (consultants, etc.) get a 1099 for taxes.
 Employees get a W-2 for taxes.
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- ^{4,6}: Mitigation may include: not offering nursing contact hours; review of presentation; attestation. See list of mitigation strategies. Consult PNP with questions.
- ⁵: Refer to examples of affiliations with ineligible companies listed on the WNA Disclosure Form. These include stock ownership, consulting, advisory positions, etc.

- ³: Owners and employees can participate as planners or faculty if at least one of these **exclusions** is met:
- 1. When the content of the activity is **not** related to the business lines or products of their employer/company.
- 2. When the content of the activity is limited to basic science research, such as pre-clinical research and drug discovery, or the methodologies of research, and they do not make care recommendations.
- 3. When they are participating as technicians to teach safe and proper use of medical devices and do not recommend whether or when a device is used.

Source: Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (2020). Standards for Integrity and Independence in Accredited Continuing Education.

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