New CME Conflict of Interest Resolution Process

To better comply with the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) Standards for Commercial Support, we have recently implemented a new CME conflict of interest (COI) resolution process, consisting of a brief form, to be completed by all course directors, co-directors, planners, moderators, and panelists. This new process serves as an additional safeguard to ensuring compliance.

The new CME COI resolution form must be completed by all course directors, co-directors, and planners who have identified a financial relationship during the application process; both the COI and resolution form must be completed and reviewed by CME before credit approval will be given to any new meetings.

Moderators and panelists who do not have content to be reviewed as part of our normal COI resolution process will also be required to complete the additional resolution form before the event occurs.

If it is determined that the COI cannot, in fact, be resolved by this form, additional measures will be taken which may include adding planners who do not have COI or replacement of the individual with someone who does not have COI. If the individuals in these roles do not have any COI to report, then no additional action is required.

The resolution process for speakers who identify COI will not change; they will continue to be required to submit their slides to CME in advance of their presentation for review and resolution.

Employees of Commercial Interests Serving as Planners or Speakers at CME Events

As a reminder, CME-certified presentations cannot be given by anyone who is employed by (or whose spouse/significant other is employed by) a commercial interest.

A commercial interest is defined by the ACCME as, “any entity producing, marketing, re-selling, or distributing health care goods or services consumed by, or used on, patients. The ACCME does not consider providers of clinical service directly to patients to be commercial interests.”

If the presenter (or their spouse/significant other) is an employee of a commercial interest AND the topic being presented/discussed relates to the business lines or products of that employer, then the individual must be replaced or CME credits will not be given for that presentation. ACCME has determined that employment relationships cannot be resolved and therefore are not allowed within CME-certified events (ACCME Standard 1).
2014 CME Annual Report

The 2014 CME Annual Report is now available for viewing. To access the report, please click here. Note, a password is required to access the annual report. The password is the same password as is used to access CME disclosure results.

Grand Rounds on Demand

Watch Medical Grand Rounds, Pediatric Grand Rounds, or OB/GYN Grand Rounds at your convenience at http://meded.beaumont.edu/grand-rounds! Presentations are made available online approximately 6 weeks following the live meeting. The presentations are only recorded when given permission by the speakers.

Who can access Grand Rounds on Demand?
Currently, these recordings are only available to Beaumont Health and Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine (OUWB) faculty and staff. Beaumont employees can easily access content through single sign-on. If you are accessing from a Beaumont computer on the Beaumont network, simply click “View Grand Rounds” and then “Authenticate”. If you are accessing off-site (not on a Beaumont network), follow the same steps as above; after clicking “Authenticate” you will be prompted to enter your Beaumont network ID and password. We hope to expand these offerings to non-employed healthcare professionals in the future.

Are these online presentations eligible for credit?
Yes, if a presentation is eligible for CME and/or meaningful participation credit, it will indicate the CME information in the “Tags” section. In order for a presentation to be eligible for CME credit, a post-test must be incorporated; some speakers have opted not to provide a post-test and therefore, their presentation is not eligible for CME credit.

For more information, click here.

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Mobile Lecture Capture Technology Now Available

The same lecture capture technology used to record Medical, Pediatric, and Ob/Gyn Grand Rounds lectures in the auditorium is now available in a transportable, mobile unit. If you have a presentation that you would like recorded for online viewing at a later time, please contact Mike Holland at 248-551-0410 or mholland@beaumont.edu to arrange the technology for your presentation.
American Osteopathic Association CME Accreditation

The Department of CME recently received Accreditation with Commendation from the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) to provide Category 1-A CME credit. Accreditation requirements are similar to the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), but there are a few additional requirements, including that at least 50% of presenters for a meeting must be Doctors of Osteopathy (D.O.). If you are interested in having an event certified for AOA credits in addition to the traditional AMA CME credits, please contact the CME Department today at cme@beaumont.edu.

Important CME Reminders & Updates

CME Services

In addition to traditional CME certification of events, the CME office also provides the following optional services (at an additional cost):
- Application for other certifications (i.e., American Academy of Family Physicians, Council on Optometric Practitioner Education, etc.)
- Application for educational grants
- Creation of a custom conference website
- Online registration
- Creation of name badges

CME Forms

The Department of CME regularly updates our forms and templates. The most up-to-date version of our forms for regularly scheduled series (grand rounds, case conferences, etc.) and seminars/conferences can be found on our website. The following forms were updated in March:
- RSS Budget Template
- Faculty List Template
- Speaker Letter Template

Please delete any old forms that you may have saved. Access the new forms on our website today!

Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest

All individuals involved with the planning, development, implementation, or evaluation of a CME-certified event are required to complete a CME disclosure for financial relationships form prior to the event occurring. If a presentation is being given by one person, but several others are being acknowledged as being involved with the content (even if they are not presenting the content themselves) (i.e., research-based content), then all individuals must complete a disclosure in order for the presentation to be eligible for CME credits (ACCME Standard 2).

Resolution of Conflicts of Interest

If a presenter indicates on their CME disclosure form that they (or their spouse/significant other) have any relevant financial relationships, then **CME must review and approve their presentation slides (at least one week) prior to them presenting in order to “resolve” their conflicts of interest.** It is recommended that the presentation slides be obtained a minimum of 5 business days prior to the presentation date to ensure that CME has adequate time to conduct the slide review (ACCME Standard 2). In the event CME is unable to resolve the COI prior to the presentation, CME credit will be withdrawn from that presentation.
Regularly Scheduled Series Reminders

(Grand rounds, tumor boards, M&M, case conferences, journal clubs, etc.)

- Anyone who presents must complete an online CME conflict of interest disclosure before they present. It is the department's responsibility to ensure the disclosure is complete prior to the presentation.

- Please do not list an individual’s financial relationship(s) (or lack thereof) on the flyer without first verifying that the disclosure is complete – if a relationship is listed on the flyer that does not match what is listed on the official disclosure form, CME may have to pull credit due to non-compliance.

- If an individual lists a financial relationship on the official CME disclosure form, CME must take steps to resolve that relationship prior to the presentation. Resolution most often occurs by providing the presentation slides to CME in advance for review and approval. If there are no presentation slides (i.e., case conference), please contact the CME office so that we can discuss alternative resolution methods.

- Documentation deadlines: all meeting documents (flyer, disclosure form, etc.) must be received by CME no later than one (1) week following the presentation. If documentation is not received within this time frame, an intervention will occur that could include withdrawal of CME credits.

- Budgets – Expenses/Income: If your meeting has any expenses throughout the year (honoraria, food, lodging, travel, etc.) or receives any income through educational grants or promotional exhibits, then CME must receive a final budget at the end of the year showing how much was spent and received and in what categories. We are required to report this information to our accrediting body, the ACCME. A budget template can be found on the CME website.

Meaningful Participation Credits

The department of CME is working closely with the OUWB School of Medicine Department of Faculty Affairs and Professional Development to ensure that appropriate CME-certified activities are also eligible for Meaningful Participation (MP) credits. Currently, there are several MP credit eligible web-based presentations available on the CME website. Individuals who attend a dual CME/MP certified activity will be able to claim both credits through the online CME credit claim process (requires a unique CME activity code). Please note, the CME system only serves as a verification of participation in a MP activity; all MP activities must continue to be self-reported through the OUWB MPP Reporting Tool. Click here for more information about the OUWB Meaningful Participation Program or contact Deidre Pitts 248-370-2741.

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For a listing of upcoming CME events, www.beaumont.edu/cme