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LMU-DCOM Office of CME Commercial Support, Conflict of Interest & Disclosure Policy

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1. PURPOSE

To ensure identification and resolution of commercial support and conflicts of interest (COI) relevant to LMU-DCOM Continuing Medical Education (CME) activities.

2. POLICY

To insure balance, independence, objectivity, and scientific rigor in all its individually sponsored or jointly sponsored educational programs and control of commercial interest (any entity producing, marketing, re-selling, or distributing health care goods or services consumed by, or used on, patients), all activity directors, planners, course directors, committee members, and presenters participating in any LMU-DCOM CME sponsored program must disclose, verbally or written (e.g., slide presentations) to the program audience any real or apparent conflict(s) of interest (COI), or lack thereof, that may have a direct bearing on the subject matter of the continuing education activity. This includes all relevant financial relationships with an AOA-defined commercial interest occurring in the past 12 months for themselves, their spouse, and/or life partner and pertains to relationships with pharmaceutical companies, biomedical device manufacturers, or other corporations whose products or services are related to the subject matter of the presentation topic. The

intent of this policy is not to prevent a speaker with a potential conflict of interest from making a presentation. It is merely intended that any potential conflict should be identified openly so that the listeners may form their own judgments about the presentation with the full disclosure of the facts. It remains for the audience to determine whether the speaker's outside interests may reflect a possible bias in either the exposition or the conclusions presented. If no relationships exist, this must be disclosed in the same manner.

The LMU-DCOM CME office must determine if the committee member's or staff's relationship may influence the educational content and resolve any conflicts of interest prior to the educational activity. Disclosure information is on file in the CME office and available for review upon request.

All sources of commercial support, both monetary and in-kind, must be set forth in a written agreement and disclosed to participants prior to the presentation of the content of the activity

3. **PROCEDURE**

- A. All potential conflicts of interest (COI) are disclosed in CME activity program syllabi, Faculty Disclosure Forms, and/or prior to presentations, lectures, the online learning platform's landing page, or other educational activity (presentation slide and/or verbally). For example, speakers will need to document on presentation slides one of the following: 1) Neither I, nor an immediate family member (parent, sibling, spouse, partner, or child), has any financial relationship with or interest in any commercial interest connected with this presentation or 2) I have, or my immediate family member (parent, sibling, spouse, partner, or child), has a financial relationship with or interest in a commercial interest connected with this presentation.
- B. All commercial support, both monetary and in-kind, must be in the form of an educational grant and payable to Lincoln Memorial University and must include a **Commercial Support Agreement** between the provider and the commercial interest providing support.
- C. Resolution of identified Conflicts of Interest: All Faculty Disclosure Forms are reviewed by the LMU-DCOM Office of CME for any Conflicts of Interest. If a conflict of interest is present and cannot be resolved by the Office of CME it will be referred to the CME activity planning committee. If no resolution by the CME planning committee, it is referred to the LMU-DCOM Dean. If still not resolved the Council on Continuing Medical Education of the AOA may be notified.
- D. Questions about the CME Conflict of Interest policy:

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4. **CONSEQUENCES OF NON-COMPLIANCE**

CME Sponsor Accreditation Probation and/or Revocation

5. **DURATION OF POLICY**

This Policy is effective as of the date above and shall remain effective until amended or terminated by the Dean of LMU-DCOM.