



ACC.18™
67th Annual Scientific Session & Expo



DISCLOSURE PROCESS

Each presenter/panelist/chair/co-chair/moderator/abstract (oral and poster) author/lead investigator must have completed an online ACC disclosure form which will include his/her personal relationships (including spouse/domestic partner) occurring within the past 12 months, with any entity producing, marketing, re-selling, or distributing health care goods or services consumed by, or used on, patients.

The types of financial relationships to be disclosed are:

- **Consultant Fees/Honoraria** – Includes honoraria, gifts or other consideration, or “in kind” compensation from a commercial interest, whether for consulting, lecturing, travel, service on an advisory board, or for any other similar purpose in the prior calendar year, including directing such honoraria be donated to a nonprofit 501c3 organization.
- **Speaker’s Bureau** – Includes compensation from speaker’s bureaus.
- **Officer, Director, Trustee, or other Fiduciary Role** – Such a role with a commercial interest whether or not remuneration is received.
- **Ownership Interest/Partnership/Principle** – Includes any stock, stock option, ownership, partnership, membership or other equity position (excluding mutual diversified funds) in an entity regardless of the form of the entity, or any option or right to acquire such position, and any rights and/or royalties in any patent or other intellectual property held by a commercial interest.
- **Research/Research Grants** – From a commercial interest whether compensated or uncompensated. Includes principal investigator, investigator (PI or Co-PI), steering committee member, collaborator or consultant for pending grants as well as grants already awarded or received. Also includes receipt of drugs, supplies, equipment or other in-kind support over which a person has direct decision-making responsibility.
- **Salary** – Funding of a salary or position (partial or full) or “in-kind” support of a program from a commercial interest.
- **Data Safety Monitoring Board** – Participation in a commercially-sponsored Data Safety Monitoring Board whether compensated or uncompensated.
- **Other Relationship** – Any other commercial relationship not listed.

Each presenter/panelist/chair/co-chair/moderator/abstract (oral and poster) author/lead investigator will have signed an attestation statement as part of the ACC’s online disclosure form. By signing this statement, the person agrees to the following:

- All relevant financial relationships have been disclosed to ACC
- Contributions will be based on the best scientific evidence available regarding content
- Contributions will give a balanced view of therapeutic options and be unbiased
- Contributions will not promote the products or services of any commercial interest related to the content
- All scientific research to support a patient care recommendation will conform to generally accepted standards of experimental design, data collection and analysis
- Any discussion of off-label product use will be disclosed to participants
- Trade names of healthcare products or services will not be used

- Any honorarium/payment/reimbursement beyond what has been agreed upon directly with ACC will not be accepted
- Copyright permissions will be obtained for any portion of contributions or presentation, such as slides, which is not original work
- Contribution and presentation will be HIPAA compliant (e.g. only de-identified patient information will be used)

ONSITE DISCLOSURE PROCESS

1. Disclosure slides will be shown for Chairs/Co-chairs/Moderators, presenters, lead investigators (where applicable) and panelists to the audience at the beginning of the session. The slide is automatically generated from the presenter's disclosures in ACC's system. These slides will be automatically projected for a specified number of seconds by the AV technician in the room.
2. Poster Moderators will be required to verbally state disclosures to the audience at the beginning of the session. Moderated poster presentations must have disclosure information displayed as part of their PDF file uploaded for the plasma presentation.
3. Presenters for posters that have not complied with the ACC's disclosure template requirement will be told that disclosure information for the poster's presenting author and lead investigator must be added or the poster will be taken down. The presenter will be given a disclosure template to complete and attach to the poster. ACC staff will check the poster once more to ascertain that the disclosure information has been attached to the poster.
4. Pop-up replacement presenters or panelists in session room procedure: Any pop-up replacement speakers must check in at the Speaker Service Center before proceeding to the meeting room. If the speaker does not follow this rule, the chair/moderator of the session will be required to review the speaker's disclosures for conflicts of interest before he/she is allowed to speak. The chair/moderator will also monitor the replacement presenter's/panelist's presentation for bias and will inject additional information if he/she detects bias.

ACC.18 Session Chairs/Co-chairs/Moderators

ACC.18 Chairs/Co-chairs/Moderators will be responsible for the following items:

- Assuring that the rolling disclosure slide for the session participants is showing prior to the start of the session
- Reviewing the disclosures of pop-up replacement presenters or panelists for conflicts of interest
- Monitoring the presentations of presenters/panelists for bias and interjecting additional information if bias is detected
- Assuring that a disclosure slide appears before each presentation for all presenters/panelists
- Notifying ACC staff in the Speaker Service Center if he/she will not be able to fulfill his/her chair/co-chair/moderator duties for a session and the name and contact information of the person who will replace him/her