



Faculty Member/Author
ASCP CME Disclosure of Relevant Financial Relationships

Your Name and E-mail Address:

Type of CME Activity (project): Association of Clinical Scientists Annual Meeting (attn K. Dramisino)

Title of Presentation/Exercise/Case:

Date of Activity: May 28-31, 2014

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Nature of Financial Relationship (include all that apply)
Relevant to the Content of the CME Activity that You Are Developing

Table with 3 columns: Commercial Interest, What was received, For What Role?
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**Agree    Disagree**

- I have disclosed to the ASCP all relevant financial relationships, and I will disclose this information to learners verbally (for live activities) and in print.
- The content of this CME activity and supplemental materials will promote quality or improvements in healthcare and not a specific proprietary business interest of a commercial interest. Content for this activity, including any presentation of therapeutic options, will be balanced, evidence-based and unbiased.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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### Explanations to Accompany ASCP Full Disclosure Form

*Note: this completed form must be provided by each author for each abstract being submitted to the Association of Clinical Scientists.* The ASCP has implemented a process where everyone who is in a position to control the content of a CME activity must disclose all relevant financial relationships with any commercial interest and any conflicts of interest must be resolved prior to the CME activity. Information will be reviewed by the appropriate course director, planning/editorial committee chair, or planning/editorial committee members; a determination will be made to manage the conflict with safeguards against any potential bias. This is not intended to prevent participation unless the conflict of interest is determined to be unresolvable. Refusal to disclose means that you relinquish your ability to participate in the CME activity involved.

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In August 2007, the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) took action to modify its definition of a commercial interest. In addition to “producing” healthcare goods or services, the acts of “marketing, re-selling, or distributing” healthcare goods or services were added to the definition. The complete definition reads: *A commercial interest is any entity producing, marketing, re-selling, or distributing health care goods or services consumed by, or used on, patients.* The intent was to ensure that accredited CME and eligibility to be accredited be kept separate and independent from commercial interests, as required by the ACCME Standards for Commercial Support<sup>SM</sup>.

The ACCME has always recognized that providers of clinical services directly to patients, such as hospitals, health systems, medical group practices, blood banks, and diagnostic laboratories, are an integral component of accredited CME in that they represent the provision of CME by the profession for the profession. Therefore, those entities have been deemed NOT to be commercial interests. This revised definition from August 2007 removed the large corporations like Quest, LabCorp, etc. from the list of commercial interests.