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Whom/When must complete a disclosure?

All sources of funds supporting the work and a statement of financial interest, if any, must be included for each author of a manuscript, along with a list of all products, devices, drugs, etc. used in the manuscript.

Does a spouse, family member, partner need to report disclosures?

Based on International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (ICMJE) guidance. Current PRS version includes spouse, partner and children. Updated 2021 ICMJE guidance removed this requirement; journals will be following suit.

What is the frequency of completing a disclosure?

Each author must disclose at the time of submission.

What is the current validity duration of a completed COI?

Per the time of manuscript submission.

What commercial interests should be disclosed?

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Financial Associations include the following types:

Associations include any of the following: consultancies, stock ownership, or other equity interest, patent licensing arrangements, payments for conduction or publicizing a study described in the manuscript, royalty recipient, grant recipient, employee, board member and review panel member.

Other types of funding that is required to be disclosed:

Authors must disclose any funding received for this work from any of the following organizations: National Institutes of Health (NIH); Wellcome Trust; Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI); and other(s).

Information provided to learners via:

Public-facing disclosure statements (all sources of funds supporting the work and a statement of financial interest, if any, must be included for each author) will be published on each article. The complete COI questionnaire answers are not made public at this time.

Mitigation of Conflicts

COI in a manuscript itself is resolved through the peer-review process and via an informed readership. COI statements published on each paper inform readers of any potential bias.

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Whom/When must complete a disclosure?

Annually, each registered peer-reviewer for the Journals must fill out a Financial Disclosure Statement.

Does a spouse, family member, partner need to report disclosures?

Not applicable.

What is the frequency of completing a disclosure?

Annually; with each peer review.

What is the current validity duration of a completed COI?

Per the time of review completion.

What commercial interests should be disclosed?

Any commercial associations, financial disclosures, or commitments that might pose or create a conflict of interest with information presented in the manuscript.

Financial Associations include the following types:

Associations include any of the following: consultancies, stock ownership, or other equity interests, patent licensing arrangements, payments for conducting or publicizing related studies, and financial interests in any related products drugs or devices.

Other types of funding that is required to be disclosed:

Not Applicable.

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The reviewer COIs are not made public; reviewers remain anonymous to the author and end-learner (reader).

Mitigation of Conflicts

Conflicted peer reviewers may not be selected for review panels, recuse themselves from assignment if assigned, or have their review removed from the peer-review process by the Editor-in-Chief or designate.

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Continuing Medical Education (CME) Activities & Educational Meetings

Whom/When must complete a disclosure?

All instructors, planners, reviewers, managers and other individuals in a position to control or influence the content of an educational activity to disclose all relevant financial relationships or affiliations.

Does a spouse, family member, partner need to report disclosures?

Interests held by a spouse / partner, must be disclosed.

What is the frequency of completing a disclosure?

Disclosures for CME activities are requested from faculty and planners on an activity-by-activity basis to ensure that ASPS members receive the most current and relevant information.

What is the current validity duration of a completed COI?

Activity-by-activity basis; must be completed at least annually. Validity of preceding 12 months (even if the relationship has been divested).

What commercial interests should be disclosed?

Any entity producing, marketing, re-selling, or distributing health care goods or services consumed by, or used on, patients, with some exceptions, such as, eligible non-profit or government organizations, non-health care related companies, and providers of clinical service directly to patients

Financial Associations include the following types:

Not limited to: receipt of financial support from a commercial interest, as defined above, for research activities or other scientific work reported on during the program, or, a personal financial or proprietary interest in, or consultant relationship to, a company that is a commercial supporter of the activity or whose product or service is discussed as part of the subject matter of the activity.

Other types of funding that is required to be disclosed:

Other interests or activities in which you or your immediate family are currently engaged or have been engaged in the preceding 12 months which might be regarded as constituting a conflict of interest or a potential conflict of interest.

Information provided to learners via:

Disclosure statements to be provided to learners to be informed of any aspect of personal or professional circumstance, originating with anyone in a position to control educational content, out of which a perception of a conflict of interest would arise. Disclosure statement must, and will, be stated verbally from the podium prior to presentation and included in print on any audio/visual or handout material. ASPS will additionally publish the submitted disclosure information in related activity materials, in print and/or online, as applicable.

Mitigation of Conflicts

Continuing Education Committee shall review all identified conflicts of interest. Must be resolved and the educational content thoroughly vetted by ASPS for fair balance, scientific objectivity and appropriateness of patient care recommendations. Learners participating in all formats of CME activities sponsored, co-sponsored, or jointly sponsored by the ASPS must be provided the opportunity to properly evaluate the objectivity of the information, analysis, and recommendations presented during an activity.

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Whom/When must complete a disclosure?

All Volunteer Leaders: officers, directors, trustees, committee chairs, committee members, task force chairs, task force members and the Editor and members of the Editorial Boards of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Journal and Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery – Global Open and others holding leadership positions in Society and Foundation Upon Appointment and annually thereafter for as long as the member holds a leadership position in the Society or The Foundation

Does the member have to report relationships involving his/her family members?

A conflict of interest is defined as an interest held by a member that could influence the member or be perceived as influencing the member to act contrary to the interests of the Society or the Foundation and for the member's own personal benefit or for the benefit of an immediate family member or business associate. For purposes of this policy an immediate family member is defined as a member's spouse, children, and parents.

How often do volunteer leaders need to report their relationships?

Members must update annually and as relationships change.

What is the current validity duration of the disclosure?

Financial and non-financial relationships should be reported for the preceding 24 months.

What commercial interests should be disclosed?

Identify any commercial entities from which the Society or Foundation obtains goods or services, or which is engaged in activities that compete with the activities of the Society or the Foundation in which you or a member of your immediate family currently have or have had in the preceding 24 months a financial interest or hold a position, including but not limited to a board, officer or consultant position.

What financial relationships should be disclosed?

- Interests that may affect economic transactions to which the Society or the Foundation is or may be a direct party such as a Volunteer Leader with an ownership interest in a company from which the Society or Foundation makes purchases of goods or services.
- Interests that may cause a Volunteer Leader to abuse his/her position to achieve objectives inconsistent with the purposes of the Society or the Foundation such as a material financial interest in a competitor to a company under review by a Society or Foundation committee.

What non-financial relationships should be disclosed?

- Affiliations with organizations that have conflicting or dual goals or have competing business and professional interests or activities, such as
 - serving on a Board of a medical specialty society that conducts competing business (e.g. coding and practice management workshops or sponsored insurance programs),
 - serving on the board of a pharmaceutical company that advocates a reimbursement policy in conflict with the Society's,
 - serving as a consultant to a company that provides goods and services to Society members, or
 - serving in a leadership role in another Plastic Surgery organization.
- Research grants or similar contributions from commercial entities from which the Society or Foundation or its members obtain goods or services or by the academic institutions or departments or practice groups with which the Volunteer Leader is affiliated.
- Other personal relationships, activities or interests that may be perceived to impair an individual's objectivity or may be perceived as inappropriately influencing the individual's decisions or actions in Society or Foundation matters.

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Other types of funding that is required to be disclosed:

Other interests or activities in which you or your immediate family are currently engaged or have been engaged in the preceding 24 months which might be regarded as constituting a conflict of interest or a potential conflict of interest.

Mitigation of Conflicts

COI Review Group comprised of ASPS President, Plastic Surgery Foundation President, Executive Vice President, and COI Chair reviews agenda and disclosures in advance of all Executive Committee and Board meetings to ID topics that may require one of the four recusal methods described in the COI Policy:

1. Remain in the room, participating fully in the discussion involving the conflict but not vote;
2. Remain in the room while the matter is being discussed but not speak or vote;
3. Provide his or her opinion and leave the room while the matter is considered and voted upon; or
4. Remain out of the room while the matter is being considered and voted upon.

Committee chairs, vice chairs, and staff liaisons perform the same function as the COI Review Group for committee meeting agenda.

The COI Policy provides for further action, if necessary.

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