

## DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND CONTENT VALIDATION ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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The TTUHSC El Paso Office of CME maintains disclosures on a fiscal year basis. Planners/presenters should disclose any current or future relationships that may be applicable from September 1 through August 31. In the event of a change in relationship status, the planner/presenter must notify the CME coordinator for his/her activity and complete an updated disclosure statement.

**Content Validation Policy:** All the recommendations involving clinical medicine in a CME activity must be based on evidence that is accepted within the profession of medicine as adequate justification for their indications and contraindications in the care of patients. All scientific research referred to, reported, or used in CME in support or justification of a patient care recommendation must conform to the generally accepted standards of experimental design, data collection and analysis (ACCME).

Our goal is to support healthcare providers in improving patient care by increasing their knowledge of advancing translational and clinical research as it relates to clinical practice. To fulfill this goal, the TTUHSC El Paso Office of CME requires speakers/presenters to:

1. Critically evaluate the experimental design, data collection and analysis to ensure that they conform to the generally accepted standards as well as compare and contrast multiple research approaches before making a patient care recommendation.
2. Identify key related research and evidence-based practices, which suggest additional investigations, may be indicated before making patient care recommendations.
3. Suggest optimal strategies for further clinical investigations in addressing equivocal research data and results.
4. Use a rigorous process of external validation and peer review of the research to ensure the validity of the research process, the result and the conclusion, especially in support or justification of a patient care recommendation.
5. Be an expert in the related area of the research and free of conflict of interest in analyzing and presenting the data, and making patient care recommendations.

I declare:

I have read the above statements and understand the expectations for clinical content validation. I acknowledge my responsibility to abide by these expectations and will provide sufficient resources for evidence to attendees. I further understand my acknowledgment will be disclosed to attendees of the CME event.

I have no relevant financial relationships to disclose.

I or a spouse/partner have, or had within the last 12 months, a relevant financial relationship with a commercial interest. I declare the following relationships.

List companies that produce, market, or distribute health care goods or services (e.g. medical supplies, devices, or pharmaceuticals). Governmental agencies and providers of direct patient care services should not be listed.

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**Fair Balance:** Speakers/authors shall present content that is fair, balanced, objective, and scientifically rigorous (ACCME).

**Use of Generic versus Trade Names:** Speakers/authors shall use scientific or generic names in referring to products. Should it be necessary to use a trade name, the trade names of similar products or those within a class should also be used. For any product discussed, presenters shall discuss both the benefits and limitations of that product. If one product is recommended over another, the scientific justification shall be stated (ACCME).

**Patient Privacy:** Course materials may not contain information that can violate a patient's right for privacy (ACCME).

**Copyrighted Information:** Written consent must be obtained from authors and/or publishers in order to distribute copyrighted information to participants (ACCME).

**Commercial Interest:** A commercial interest is defined as an entity developing, producing, marketing, re-selling, or distributing health care goods or services used on, or consumed by, patients. Governmental agencies and providers of direct patient care services are not considered to be commercial interests (ACCME).

**Separation between Content and Commercial Industry:** An activity planner who has affiliations with commercial interests relating to the content planned must recuse themselves from planning the activity. Neither planners nor presenters shall accept input regarding the content of a presentation nor receive remuneration directly from a commercial interest.

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**Participant Evaluation:** Course participants will complete an evaluation of the presenter and content, including an assessment of balance, bias, and perceived conflict of interest.

**Resolution of Conflict of Interest:** Circumstances create a conflict of interest when an individual has an opportunity to affect CME content about products or services of a commercial interest with which he/she has a financial relationship.

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