

# <u>Financial or Non-financial/Strategic Business Relationships or Partnerships</u> Disclosure Form

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Within 10 days of receipt in order to participate.

Name of Individual:
<b>Title of Continuing Education:</b> 'How I Do It" Video – 24 <sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Boston, MA
Date(s) Education: April 26-30, 2023
Location of Education: Boston, MA

**Individual's Prospective role(s) in Education:** Presenter

In order to participate as a person who will be able to control the educational content of this accredited CME activity, we ask that you disclose all financial, or non-financial/strategic, relationship or partnership (relationships) with any ineligible companies that you have had over the past 24 months. We define ineligible companies as those whose primary business is producing, marketing, selling, re-selling, or distributing healthcare products used by or on patients. There is no minimum financial threshold; you must disclose all relationships, regardless of the financial amount, with ineligible companies. We ask you to disclose regardless of whether you view the relationships as relevant to the education. For more information on the Standards for Integrity and Independence in Accredited Continuing Education, please visit accme.org/standards.

After we receive your disclosure information, we will review it to determine whether your relationships are relevant to the education. Should it be determined that you have a *relevant* business relationship(s), you will be contacted with methods to mitigate the relationship.

*Please note:* the identification of relevant financial relationships does not necessarily mean that you are unable to participate in the planning and implementation of this educational activity. Rather, the accreditation standards require that relevant relationships are mitigated before you assume your role in this activity.

In addition, all affirmative disclosures must be revealed by a slide at the beginning of your corresponding presentation. If your presentation describes the use of a device, product, or drug that is not FDA approved or the off-label use of an approved device, product, or drug or unapproved usage, it is your responsibility to disclose this information verbally to the learner during your presentation.

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## **Glossary of Terms**

#### \*Ineligible Company

An ineligible company is any entity whose primary business is producing, marketing, selling, re-selling, or distributing healthcare products used by or on patients. Some examples of ineligible: Advertising, marketing, or communication firms whose clients are ineligible companies • Bio-medical startups that have begun a governmental regulatory approval process • Compounding pharmacies that manufacture proprietary compounds • Device manufacturers or distributors • Diagnostic labs that sell proprietary products • Growers, distributors, manufacturers or sellers of medical foods and dietary supplements • Manufacturers of health-related wearable products • Pharmaceutical companies or distributors • Pharmacy benefit managers • Reagent manufacturers or sellers

The ACCME does not consider providers of clinical service directly to patients to be an ineligible company - unless the provider of clinical service is owned, or controlled by, an ineligible company.

#### \*\*Financial or Non-financial/Strategic Business Relationships or Partnerships

Examples of financial relationships include employee, researcher, consultant, advisor, speaker, independent contractor (including contracted research), royalties or patent beneficiary, executive role, and ownership interest. Individual stocks and stock options should be disclosed; diversified mutual funds do not need to be disclosed. Research funding from ineligible companies should be disclosed by the principal or named investigator even if that individual's institution receives the research grant and manages the funds.

The *nature of the relationship means* the role they play or service they provide in exchange for some form of compensation from an ineligible company (e.g., independent contractor including contracted research, consulting, promotional speaking and teaching, membership on advisory committees or review panels, board membership, ETC.). ACCME has **not** set a minimum dollar amount for relationships to be disclosed.

In addition, **ASBrS also focuses on non-financial/strategic business relationships or partnerships** during the past 24 months. Within this timeframe, any relationships or partnerships that have the potential to cloud objectivity and foster institutional loyalty must be disclosed regardless of whether a financial component exists.

## Relevant Financial or Non-financial/Strategic Business Relationships or Partnerships

Financial relationships of any dollar amount or non-financial/strategic business relationships or partnerships are defined as relevant if the educational content is related to the business lines or products of the ineligible company.

Relevant financial relationships are financial relationships in any amount, which occurred during the past 24 months. There is no minimum dollar amount for the financial relationship to be considered relevant.