

Conflict of Interest Statement

1. **Purpose:** The PES considers collaborative relationships with industry to be valuable to the mission of the Society, and is committed to manage these relationships responsibly and ethically. The PES is also pledged to leadership of the Society and its activities that is objective and unencumbered by conflicts of interest (COI). To manage potential COI in a consistent and ethical manner, PES has adopted these guidelines for PES-industry relations and potential individual COI with regard to financial support of the Society, its activities and products, and its leadership.
2. **General principles:**
 - a. Corporate donations are acceptable and important to maintain the activities, mission, and value of PES to its members.
 - b. In solicitation and management of these donations, PES will maintain independence and minimize COI to the fullest extent feasible, so that its leaders and products unequivocally represent the best interests of children and the Society.
 - c. To that end, PES pledges full disclosure, evaluation, and management of potential COI for support of the Society and its activities and for individuals involved with Society leadership.
3. **Guidelines for industry-funded PES-sponsored awards, research, education, and other activities:**
 - a. Support sought and accepted from industry donors, but also through philanthropy, Society dues, and other sources
 - b. Funds from industry donors *combined into a common fund* whenever possible
 - c. Acknowledgement of industry donor
 - i. Preferred - one of a group of industry sponsors
 - ii. Alternative - "PES award/activity" sponsored by donor
 - d. PES maintains *complete independence* in selection of recipient/specific research topics/education content and speakers
 - e. PES maintains *sole responsibility for coordinating application process and communication* with PES membership
 - f. Awarded funds are *not tied in any way to attendance* at events other than PES-sponsored meeting and social functions
 - g. *Advertising* of award/research/education activity/other *by industry not permitted*, but support of donors is acknowledged in research reports, course syllabi, etc.

- h. PES ensures that sponsored programs are *non-promotional, free of bias, and meet CME scrutiny* and approval
 - i. PES, nor PES Officers or Directors, are not involved in promotion, organization, or presentation of satellite meetings (CME or non-CME) that are organized and supported by industry
4. **Disclosure:** the following activities and relationships are to be disclosed by PES members nominated for and serving as officers, committee members, members of Consensus or Guideline development groups, and other groups at discretion of PES Board of Directors. Disclosed activities and relationships pertain to business or companies that include products or services relevant to pediatric endocrinology and are occurring presently or within the past two years. Disclosure does not necessarily mean exclusion, and grounds for exclusion are discussed separately.
- a. Stock ownership by self or spouse
 - b. Business relationship by self or spouse
 - c. Payment reported on 1099 form from a company. If yes, specify:
 - i. Which topic/product
 - ii. Service on a speaker's bureau
 - iii. Honorarium for invited lectures
 - iv. Service as consultant or advisory board member
 - d. Grant support from a company. If yes, specify:
 - i. Topic
 - ii. Whether project is investigator or company initiated
 - iii. Participation in a registry
5. **Management of potential COI**
- a. Officers and Committee Members
 - i. Disclose all potential COI as defined in policy
 - ii. During the time a PES member is running for or serving as a member of the Board, s/he
 - 1. Would not own stock or ownership, have a business relationship, be on a speakers bureau for pharmaceutical manufacturer, device-maker, diagnostics firm or other for-profit firm with product relevant to pediatric endocrinology
 - 2. Would disclose directly to nominating committee and, to PES membership in pre-election profiles the following relationships with pharmaceutical manufacturer, device-maker, diagnostics firm or other for-profit firm with product relevant to pediatric endocrinology:
 - All sources of 1099 reported income (e.g. consultant, advisory board, honorarium for academic lectures)
 - Grants received as an investigator for industry sponsored research (including description topic and granting agency)
 - 3. May participate as investigator in registries
 - 4. Requests for exceptions to these guidelines would be adjudicated by the Board of Directors who do not have any potential COIs related to the manufacturer or product.

- b. PES Members who are tasked with clinical guidelines development, organizing consensus conferences, or contributing to PES D&T Committee reviews or statements:
 - i. Should disclose all potential COI as described in section 4
 - ii. Should be free of any significant COI (defined as receiving 1099-reportable income) pertaining to the product or related product under discussion
 - iii. Should not be an investigator on company-sponsored research (with the exception of post-marketing registries) pertaining to the product or related products
 - iv. May have COI pertaining to products unrelated to the product under discussion
 - v. Requests for exceptions to items i-iv would be considered by the PES Board on a case-by-case basis