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Atlanta, Georgia USA

CALL FOR SYMPOSIA



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ASTMH requests proposals for symposia to be presented at the Society's 65th Annual Meeting. The symposium format is intended to allow a broad and synthesized review of a given topic, with ample time for discussion. The ASTMH Program Committee evaluates all proposals and selects those for presentation according to defined selection criteria. Due to the large number of proposals, the selection process is competitive.

Overview of Symposium Format and Submission

(See Detailed Guidelines for Submission and Processing on page 6)

ORGANIZER AND CO-CHAIRS

- Each symposium requires a primary organizer/chair who serves as the single point of contact for the submission process. While not required, the organizer may appoint a co-chair. Either the organizer or the co-chair must be an ASTMH member at the time of submission. [Click here](#) to become an ASTMH member.
- In order to encourage wider participation in the Annual Meeting and the Society, the following groups are exempt from the membership requirement for 2016: nurses, nurse practitioners, physician assistants and veterinary professionals.

SPEAKERS

- Each symposium is 105 minutes. The Program Committee highly recommends a four-talk format, with each speaker presenting for approximately 20 minutes followed by a few minutes of questions. Co-chairs may also serve as speakers.
- Allowing time for a discussion at the end of the session is encouraged. Attendee evaluations of symposia consistently reflect this request.
- Do not indicate a speaker name as "To be determined." The Program Committee evaluates symposia based on both the quality of the content and proposed speakers.
- Precise times for all presentations must be specified since attendees depend on reliable start times for each speaker, as noted in the Program Book.
- The date and time of accepted symposium will be available in early September 2016. Please note that ASTMH cannot guarantee scheduling of a symposium on a specific day or time. Symposium participants should maintain schedule availability throughout the Annual Meeting timeframe of November 13-17, 2016.
- Attendees are limited to a maximum of two symposia in which they serve as a co-chair or speaker.

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DEBATE AND ALTERNATIVE FORMATS

- The Program Committee encourages creativity in the symposium format. Recently we have initiated a debate or “point-counterpoint” style for a selected number of sessions on controversial or “debatable” topics. Suggested formats include a moderated debate, a “point-counterpoint” panel discussion or similar approach. If your proposal features the debate/point-counterpoint or other non-standard format, please provide an explanation and any additional speaker names in the Creative Format field on the submission site.
- Regardless of format, ample time for questions and discussion must be included.

After acceptance of a proposal, no substantial change can be made to the format, topics or total number of speakers without approval from the Program Committee.

DISSEMINATION OF SYMPOSIUM CONTENT

- ASTMH audio-records many symposia to produce a digital webcast library of selected presentations for educational purposes.
- ASTMH may contact selected symposium organizers and speakers regarding interacting with the news media on topics of particular media interest.
- Presentation of data at scientific meetings, including the ASTMH Annual Meeting, generally does *not* preclude subsequent publication in scientific journals.

Important dates

February 10, 2016

Online submission site available [here](#)

March 9, 2016

Submission deadline

March 10, 2016

\$75 non-refundable fee due

Mid-May 2016

Acceptance notifications sent

June 9, 2016

Finalized information for accepted symposia due

Early September

Symposium schedule sent to symposium organizers

// No better experience
in infectious disease-
related activities. //

~ 2015 Attendee

FEE

All symposium proposals pay a \$75 non-refundable processing fee, due by March 10, 2016.

Submission Categories

The Program Committee welcomes symposium proposals on a wide range of topics as reflected in the choice of categories below, also found in the online proposal system.

- ☐ Clinical Tropical Medicine
- ☐ Diarrhea and Bacterial Illness
- ☐ Ectoparasite-Borne Diseases
- ☐ Entomology
- ☐ Filariasis
- ☐ Global Health
- ☐ HIV and Tropical Co-Infections
- ☐ Integrated Control Measures for Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs)
- ☐ Intestinal and Tissue Helminths, Cestodes
- ☐ Kinetoplastida
- ☐ Malaria
- ☐ Molecular Parasitology
- ☐ One Health: The Interface of Human Health and Animal Diseases
- ☐ Opportunistic and Anaerobic Protozoa
- ☐ Pneumonia, Respiratory Infections and Tuberculosis
- ☐ Schistosomiasis-Helminths
- ☐ Virology
- ☐ Water, Sanitation, Hygiene and Environmental Health (WASH-E)
- ☐ Other

Multidisciplinary and Less Traditional Topics

Selecting the correct category is extremely important since it assures your symposium proposal is reviewed by the appropriate ASTMH Program Committee. However, recognizing the diverse professional endeavors of ASTMH members and Annual Meeting attendees, the Society strongly encourages submissions on topics in tropical medicine and global health even if they do not fit neatly into the submission categories. For multidisciplinary or less traditional topics, **the following guidelines may help to select the most appropriate category:**

Global Health: This broad category focuses on global public health topics related to globalization, health disparities and global health partnerships. Use this category for proposals related to global health education, measuring and modeling health outcomes, global workforce development and capacity-strengthening, policy and advocacy to promote global health research and infrastructure development, improving health metrics for low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), the promotion of north/south health and research partnerships, innovations in care delivery for low-resource settings, and health and human rights.

Integrated Control Measures for Neglected Tropical Diseases: Use this category for topics involving control efforts for multiple NTDs. For proposals on diseases classified as NTDs that lack a focus on integrated control, use the appropriate organism category, e.g., Chagas disease belongs with “Kinetoplastida;” onchocerciasis belongs with “Filariasis.”

Nursing: For proposals focused on clinical aspects of nursing care, use the Clinical Tropical Medicine category. If a proposal deals more with public health aspects and/or operations in nursing care delivery, use the “Global Health” category.

One Health: Use this category for proposals dealing with zoonotic disease transmission in humans, animal/human ecology and for veterinary aspects of human diseases.

Water, Sanitation, Hygiene and Environmental Health: Use this category for proposals dealing with health effects of water pollution and environmental toxins, in addition to traditional WASH-E topics. A proposal dealing with health effects of air pollution, for example, could be submitted here or alternatively to the “Pneumonia, Respiratory Infections and Tuberculosis” category, depending on the content.

See page 5 for a list of suggested topics for Atlanta in 2016

// The most open scientific exchange to bring awareness and improve our knowledge on neglected tropical diseases. //

~ 2015 Attendee

SUGGESTED TOPICS FOR ATLANTA 2016

To promote diversity in the ASTMH program, each year we suggest certain topics of a particular timely interest or that might otherwise be under-represented. The following topics are of particular interest for the 2016 Annual Meeting.

Clinical Tropical Medicine: Comorbidities (e.g., co-infections, especially involving malaria, HIV, tuberculosis, helminthes, anemia, diabetes); Cancer, heart disease and other non-communicable diseases in LMICs, especially for diseases with an infectious association; Trauma, emergency, surgical, nursing, and intensive care medicine in LMICs; Diagnostic approaches to tropical and travel medicine by region; Clinical pearls and bedside diagnostic techniques

Diarrhea and Bacterial Illness: Control of cholera and noroviruses, including through novel vaccines

Entomology and Ectoparasite-Borne Diseases: Tick-borne diseases, especially babesiosis, bartonellosis and tick-borne encephalidites; Insecticide resistance in mosquitos; Novel vector control strategies

Global Health: Refugee health and immigration policy; Rebuilding health and research systems after outbreaks and natural disasters; Human rights and social justice issues pertinent to tropical and travel medicine; The Global Health Security Agenda—preparing for and mitigating global health security threats; Modeling and disease prediction; Approaches to data sharing; Ethical approaches to drug/vaccine testing in epidemic situations, including trial design, use of placebo and methods of consent, and IRB/Ethics Committee issues; malnutrition

HIV and Tropical Co-Infections: HIV co-infection in tropical diseases; Pre- and post-travel assessment of persons with HIV/AIDS, including vaccines; Approach to undifferentiated fever in HIV/AIDS in LMICs

Integrated Control Measures for Neglected Tropical Diseases: Preventive-chemotherapy neglected tropical diseases and the challenge of antimicrobial resistance; Progress toward meeting the 2020 London targets for NTD control

Kinetoplastida: Pathogenesis, drug resistance and advanced control efforts, including vaccines

Malaria: Antigenic diversity and challenges to malaria vaccine development

One Health: The Interface of Human Health and Animal Diseases: Zoonotic diseases of the USA; Emerging diseases at the wildlife-human interface; Ecology of rodent-borne viruses (e.g., Lassa, hantaviruses) and bat-borne viruses (e.g., Ebola, Marburg, coronaviruses); The food chain and antimicrobial resistance

Pneumonia, Respiratory Infections and Tuberculosis: New respiratory viral threats (e.g., MERS CoV, novel influenza viruses); Influence of household and/or industrial air pollution; Respiratory diseases of childhood; Multi-drug resistant tuberculosis

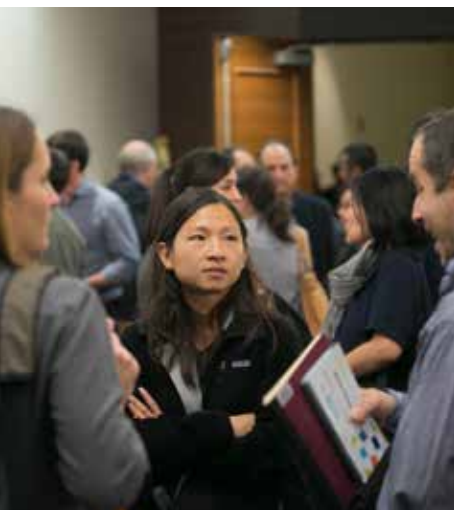
Virology: Hemorrhagic fever virus other than dengue, especially Ebola; New frontiers in virus discovery, including emerging arboviruses (e.g., Zika, Chikungunya)

Water, Sanitation, Hygiene and Environmental Health (WaSH-E): WaSH-E during outbreaks, complex humanitarian emergencies, and informal settings (such as slums); WaSH-E in the SDG era (including building on the successes of the MDGs, addressing gaps, and equity issues); Climate change and WaSH-E; Innovative designs to improve WaSH-E in healthcare facilities

Advances in Laboratory Diagnostics: Novel diagnostic approaches, including multiplex, real-time, rapid test and point-of-care; Whole genome sequencing and molecular epidemiology approaches during outbreaks. Symposia should be submitted to the best-fit category depending upon the specific content

Disease Surveillance and Control: Solving operational challenges, such as infection control in population-dense urban communities, including health promotion and community outreach strategies; Novel and innovative surveillance approaches during outbreaks, including to non-target diseases; Progress on disease eradication or elimination, including polio, Guinea worm, onchocerciasis, lymphatic filariasis, yaws and malaria; Active disease surveillance in travelers. Symposia should be submitted to the best-fit category depending upon the specific content

Basic Science Advances in Tropical Medicine: Immunology; Disease, drug and vaccine mechanisms; Metabolic regulation; Vaccine platforms; Animal models. Symposia should be submitted to the best-fit category depending upon the specific content. Symposia that cut across individual pathogens are of particular interest



Selection Criteria

QUALITY OF SUBMISSION

Proposals should include original data and/or concepts that promote broad debate and synthesis. They should have a cohesive theme, clear objectives and a detailed description of content. All talks should have a descriptive title. Priority will be given to proposals in which presentations and speakers are identified and described in sufficient detail. Provide a brief background and areas of expertise for all speakers.

SPEAKER AND CONTENT DIVERSITY

Priority will be given to proposals with a speaker panel that reflects the Society's diverse membership. *Organizers should consider diversity with respect to gender, institutional background and country of origin when developing symposium proposals.* The Society encourages organizers to incorporate varying scientific perspectives in speaker rosters and to include speakers from LMICs whenever logistically possible. Symposia focusing on a single program or institution are discouraged, as are routine updates from groups of investigators who commonly present, regardless of expertise.

TIMELINESS OF TOPIC

Priority will be given to proposals that focus on emerging concepts and timely topics. If your topic was presented at a recent Annual Meeting, focus on novel aspects to avoid redundancy and indicate why you believe your proposal provides important follow-up.

Detailed Guidelines for Submission and Processing Deadline: March 9, 2016

- Submit proposals [here](#) by March 9. Submitted symposia may be edited through March 9. To access an existing submission, log in to the submission site and go to "Sessions List" and click on "Symposium." The symposium title, description and topic category, name of symposium organizer, co-chair and the names of anticipated speakers with organizational affiliations and presentation titles, and a brief description of each speaker's background are due by March 9. ***The speaker disclosure fields are not required at this stage of the process.*** However, if you have this information, please enter it.
- In early March, the Society issues a *Call for Abstracts*. The Call for Abstracts is distinct from the symposium process. ***As the symposium organizer, please advise your speakers that they should NOT submit abstracts duplicating the content to be presented in the symposium. If your symposium proposal is declined, you and your speakers will be given an opportunity to submit abstracts for the proposed presentations.*** Symposium participants may submit abstracts in response to the Call for Abstracts for any topic not duplicated in the proposed symposium. The Program Committee works to ensure that symposium presentations are not repeated as oral abstract sessions (i.e., scientific sessions) or poster presentations. Abstracts are not required for symposium presentations.

SPONSORED SYMPOSIA FOR COMMERCIAL INTERESTS

If you are interested in proposing a symposium that is organized or co-organized by a commercial interest, please consider organizing a Sponsored Symposium. The Sponsored Symposium Proposal Form will be available beginning in early March at astmh.org. The ACCME defines a “commercial interest” as any entity producing, marketing, re-selling or distributing healthcare goods or services consumed by, or used on, patients.



- Accepted symposia — Acceptance notices will be sent to symposium organizers in mid-May 2016. By June 9, organizers must finalize the symposium title, presenter names and organizations, titles of talks, learning objectives and financial disclosure information for the final roster of speakers. **Organizers should not plan to add additional speakers or substantially alter the symposium content during the finalization process.** The Program Committee understands that substitution of symposium participants will occasionally be necessary. Changes should be communicated to [Judy DeAcetis](#), ASTMH Administrator, in a timely manner.
- Financial disclosure — All Annual Meeting speakers, including symposium speakers, are required by ASTMH policy and the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide pertinent financial disclosures (if any exist) so that meeting attendees are aware of such relationships. If your proposal is accepted, organizers are asked to forward the financial disclosure form (see page 11) to each proposed speaker. Organizers will enter each speaker’s disclosure data into the site. Speaker disclosure information for accepted symposia must be entered into the online submission site by June 9. This information will be published exactly as entered and will be distributed to Annual Meeting attendees.
- Final acceptance — Final acceptance of symposia for presentation is contingent upon completion of the required session and speaker disclosure information by June 9. Accepted symposia without complete information may be removed from the presentation program.
- Symposia text cannot be edited after finalization of proposals by June 9. The Program Book distributed at the Annual Meeting will include the symposium data as it appears in the online submission site as of June 9. Speaker substitutions made after that date will be listed separately in the Program Update distributed onsite at the meeting.
- **Final schedule information for symposium sessions, including date and time of presentation, will be sent in early September 2016.** Until then, organizers and speakers should expect to be available to make their presentations anytime on November 14–17, 2016.
- ASTMH reserves the right to make editorial changes to descriptions, presentation titles and speaker affiliations for the purpose of clarification and brevity, as well as adhering to CME guidelines.

SYMPOSIUM CONTENT

As specified by the Society’s CME accreditation by the ACCME, ASTMH maintains responsibility for and controls all symposium content. It must promote improvements or quality in healthcare and not a specific proprietary business interest of a commercial interest. Presentations must give a balanced view of therapeutic options and reference the best available evidence. Use of generic names will contribute to this impartiality.

Presentation of data at scientific meetings, including the ASTMH Annual Meeting, generally does not preclude publication in scientific journals.



Excellent worldwide platform for updates, from cell biology to policies.

~ 2015 Attendee

HELPFUL HINTS WHEN ENTERING PROPOSED SYMPOSIUM

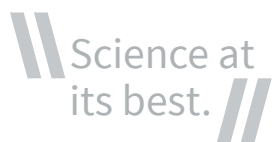
- **Internet Browsers.** Windows: use Internet Explorer version 8.0 – 9.0. MAC: use Safari version 3.2 – 5.0.
- **Username and Password.** The username and password for the submission site is unique. It is NOT the same as the ASTMH website username and password. Use the links in the LOGIN box of the submission site to create a new account or retrieve your password if you have previously submitted a proposal or abstract.
- **Co-Chair Screen.** The submission site features a co-chair page that requires you to identify a session co-chair. If your symposium does not feature a co-chair, click on “People Lookup” and search for the last name = *NotApplicable*. Note: Do not insert a space between words. Simply type NotApplicable. In the financial disclosure form that follows at the end of this document, click the box that reads “I have nothing to disclose.”
- **Creative Format Screen.** If your proposal follows the standard four-speaker format (with or without a panel discussion at the end) you may leave the Creative Format field blank or simply insert “not applicable.”
- **Presentation Length.** Enter the presentation length for each speaker using time increments in multiples of five.
- **Character Lengths for Data Fields.** When entering your session and participant information, note the character limits, which include spaces. If you exceed the character limits, an error message will appear.

Field Name	Character Limit (includes spaces)
Symposium Description	2800
Creative Format Description	1300
Rationale for Topic Description	1000
Media Interest	650
Organization Information section – Organization field	255
Organization Information section – Department field	100
Contact Information section – Contact Address 1 field	50
Contact Information section – Contact Address 2 field	50
Background Information	1000

- **Use the SUMMARY page to view your data.** The system captures your data as it is entered. There is no SUBMIT button. To view what you have entered, use the SUMMARY link on the left side of the screen.

Key Facts for Symposium Organizers:

- Organizer or co-chair must be an ASTM member
- Organizers are responsible for informing speakers of session audio-recording arrangements
- All proposals pay \$75 submission fee
- No ASTM funding available for speaker expenses
- Speakers who are not members of ASTM receive a complimentary Annual Meeting registration
- Symposium organizers and co-chairs must pay the Annual Meeting registration fee
- Speakers who are ASTM members must pay the Annual Meeting registration fee



~ 2015 Attendee

Symposium Policies

By submitting a symposium proposal, the organizer agrees to the symposium policies on behalf of all participants: symposium organizer, co-chairs and speakers. ASTM sends updates to the organizer. The symposium organizer is responsible for advising participants of all symposium policies.

As the Symposium Organizer, I confirm that:

Membership Requirement for Symposium Organizer or Symposium Co-Chair

I understand that either the symposium organizer or the symposium co-chair must be an ASTM member by the submission deadline of March 9, 2016. I understand that if neither the symposium organizer nor the symposium co-chair indicated in the proposal are ASTM members on March 9, the proposal will not be considered for review. To encourage wider participation in the Annual Meeting and the Society, exceptions include nurses, nurse practitioners, physician assistants and veterinarians.

Submission Fee for Symposium Proposals

I understand that all symposium proposals require a non-refundable processing fee of \$75 US payable by March 10.

Permission for Recording of Presentation

On behalf of my symposium participants, I hereby give permission for ASTM, its agents and representatives to audio record and produce a digital webcast library of all presentations in this symposium and grant ASTM a nonexclusive, royalty-free license to distribute those electronic media, and to use the material they contain, including materials the symposium organizer, co-chairs and speakers choose to provide, for any lawful purpose, including publication in the conference proceedings, sales to members and the general public and/or distribution to attendees or via the Internet. I confirm that the symposium participants understand that they will receive no remuneration for such usage. I confirm that I have received permission from all speakers in this symposium to audio record the session. If a speaker for this symposium is replaced for any reason, I confirm that I give permission on behalf of the replacement speaker to audio record his/her presentation.

Speaker Expenses and Meeting Registration Fee

I understand that there is no funding provided by the Society for symposia. Symposium organizers, chairs and speakers are responsible for their own funding to attend the meeting. Symposium speakers who are ASTM members, symposium organizers, chairs and co-chairs are required to pay the Annual Meeting registration fee. *To encourage wider participation in the Society, symposium speakers who are not ASTM members will receive complimentary Annual Meeting registration.*

Scheduling of Symposium

I understand that the symposium presenters must be available to present anytime on November 14-17, 2016. I confirm that the participants will be able to present on the date and time determined. I understand that the symposium participants cannot ask for any re-scheduling. I understand that final schedule assignments will be available in early September 2016.



Presentation Materials

I confirm, as the organizer, that the symposium participants understand that any slides, abstracts and handouts presented during the symposium cannot contain advertising, trade names, product group messages or logos for ACCME-defined commercial interests.

Assurance of Client Confidentiality

I confirm that the symposium participants understand that they are responsible for ensuring that any information presented regarding clients of health services be sufficiently edited or modified to ensure the confidentiality of the clients, unless the symposium participants have obtained specific permission according to applicable ethical standards, laws and regulations from any client about whom identifying information is presented.

Permission for Use of Name and Likeness

On behalf of the symposium participants, I hereby give ASTMH, its agents and representatives the right to use the names and likenesses of symposium participants in promotional and other material published in relation to the meeting.

Indemnification Agreement

I confirm that my symposium participants agree to indemnify and hold harmless ASTMH, its agents and its representatives should the material we present or provide for publication be determined to defame, libel or slander an individual or organization, violate the confidentiality of any individual or organization, or infringe on another's copyright.

Permission for Publication of Material

On behalf of my symposium participants, I agree to grant ASTMH one-time copyright for publication and reproduction of material that symposium participants may provide for inclusion in the Program Book, Online Digital Library, CD or multimedia DVD for the conference. The copyright consists of any and all rights allowed by the copyright laws of the United States and all foreign countries. I confirm that the symposium participants understand that the proceedings, including their contributions, will be made available in printed and/or digital form to conference attendees, ASTMH members, and other interested parties pursuant to policies established by the ASTMH Council. I confirm that the symposium participants understand that ASTMH will hold the copyright for the proceedings and its contents. I confirm that the symposium participants understand that the copyright of the compilation of materials in the proceedings is not the same as the copyright of an individual item of material included in the proceedings. I confirm that my symposium participants understand that they are encouraged to include copyright notices as appropriate on all the materials that they choose to submit to ASTMH for publication. I confirm that the symposium participants understand that ASTMH takes no responsibility for registering any copyright and advises symposium participants to take all appropriate steps to do so.



On behalf of the symposium participants, I authorize ASTMH to sell or otherwise distribute said proceedings to the membership and general public. In return, I confirm that the symposium participants understand that ASTMH grants us the right to reprint our contributions in any publication. On behalf of the symposium participants, I affirm that the collective contributions contain no matter that is defamatory or is otherwise unlawful or invades individual privacy, or infringes on any proprietary right or statutory copyright. On behalf of the symposium participants, I affirm that the contributions are original or that permission has been obtained at our own expense from the copyright holder for publication and will submit documentation, showing permission for use, to ASTMH at the time of submission of the materials to be distributed.



Speaker Disclosure Information

I understand that speaker disclosure information for accepted symposia will be published and distributed to Annual Meeting attendees.

Symposium Organization

I confirm that no commercial interest has an organizational role in this symposium program. The ACCME defines a “commercial interest” as any entity producing, marketing, re-selling or distributing healthcare goods or services consumed by, or used on, patients.

Symposium Organizer Responsibility

As the organizer of this symposium, I agree to the symposium policies on behalf of all participants: symposium organizer, co-chair and speakers. I affirm that I am responsible for advising the co-chair and speakers of all symposium policies.

American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION SPEAKER FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE FORM — Required for all speakers

Attention Symposium Organizers:

Please share this disclosure form with all speakers. While the completed forms are not required for the March 9 deadline, all accepted symposia will require completed financial forms from each speaker.

SPEAKER DISCLOSURE INFORMATION FOR ACCEPTED SYMPOSIA WILL BE PUBLISHED AND DISTRIBUTED TO ANNUAL MEETING ATTENDEES.

1. ASTMH SPEAKER FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE POLICY

As a sponsor accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), ASTMH must ensure balance, independence, objectivity and scientific rigor in all of its individually-sponsored or jointly-sponsored educational activities. ACCME requires ASTMH to document that anyone in a position to control the content of an educational activity has disclosed all relevant financial relationships with a commercial entity pertinent to the presentation. ASTMH must then resolve any conflict of interest in order that a financial relationship does not affect the content of the presentation. Please indicate on this form if you or your spouse/domestic partner have received, or anticipate receiving, any relevant money, stock or other financial benefit from any commercial interest (see definition below) between October 29, 2015 and November 17, 2016.

2. DEFINITIONS OF COMMERCIAL INTEREST AND FINANCIAL RELATIONSHIPS

Commercial Interest

The ACCME defines a “commercial interest” as any entity producing, marketing, re-selling or distributing healthcare goods or services consumed by, or used on, patients.



Financial Relationships

“Financial relationships” are those relationships in which the individual benefits by receiving a salary, royalty, intellectual property rights, consulting fee, honoraria, ownership interest (i.e., stocks, stock options or other ownership interest, excluding diversified mutual funds) or other financial benefit. Financial benefits are usually associated with roles such as employment, management position, independent contractor (including contracted research), consulting, speaking and teaching, membership on advisory committees or review panels, board membership and other activities from which remuneration is received or expected. ACCME considers relationships of the person involved in the CME activity to include financial relationships of a spouse or partner.

3. FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Check a) or b):

- ☐ a) Neither I nor my spouse/domestic partner have a relevant financial relationship, arrangement or affiliation with any commercial entities.
- ☐ b) Either I or my spouse/domestic partner have a relevant financial relationship, arrangement or affiliation with one or more commercial entities that could be perceived as a real or apparent conflict of interest **in the content of this presentation**. Indicate the name of the commercial entity for any of the following that applies:

Salary: _____

Grant/Research Support: _____

Consultant: _____

Ownership Interest (i.e., stockholder): _____

Speakers Bureau: _____

Other financial/material interest: _____

4. RESOLVING A CONFLICT OF INTEREST

If you responded that either you or your spouse/domestic partner have a relevant financial relationship, agreement or affiliation with a commercial entity, indicate the method you will use to resolve this conflict of interest (check one):

- ☐ a) The financial relationship indicated does not affect the content of my presentation.
- ☐ b) Limit the content to a report without recommendations. If an individual has been funded by a commercial interest to perform research, the individual's presentation may be limited to the data and results of the research. Someone else can be assigned to address broader implications and recommendations.
- ☐ c) Limit the sources for recommendations. Rather than having a person with a conflict of interest present personal recommendations or personally select the evidence to be presented, limit the role of the person to reporting recommendations based on formal structured reviews of the literature with the inclusion and exclusion criteria stated ('evidence-based'). For example, the individual could present summaries from the systematic reviews of the Cochrane Collaboration.

**5. DIRECT PAYMENT FROM A COMMERCIAL ENTITY**

By signing this disclosure form, I confirm that I am not receiving direct payments from a commercial entity with respect to this activity.

6. CONTENT VALIDATION

I confirm that all the recommendations involving clinical medicine in my presentation(s) are 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 my presentation(s) in support of justification of a patient care recommendation conforms to the generally accepted standards of experimental design, data collection and analysis. Research findings and therapeutic recommendations are based on scientifically accurate, up-to-date information and are presented in a balanced, objective manner. I acknowledge that when discussing unlabeled or investigational uses of a commercial product, these uses must be identified as unlabeled; that the use of generic names of products contributes to impartiality; and that if trade names are used, those of several companies should be used.

**7. VERIFICATION**

I verify that the information given above is accurate.

Speaker: Please complete information below.

Speaker Name: _____

Signature _____

Date: _____

Session Title: _____