

DID YOU KNOW?

DISCLOSURES

Question: What is Disclosure and how important is it that it is provided at a grand rounds lecture?

Disclosure to learners provides the learner with any relevant financial relationships that may be present and assists learners in assessing the potential for bias in information that is presented. ACCME believes this disclosure contributes to the transparency and accountability of the system.

If this element is missing, we cannot accredit the grand round.

How we do it at UCDHS: The disclosure must be prominently displayed near the sign-in sheets, and the moderator needs to initial the sign-in sheet indicating that verbal disclosure was made.

Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), States that It is critical that the learner actually accesses full information **BEFORE** the activity. The reason for disclosure is so that the learners can use the information in their process of making decisions about incorporating or integrating the CME content into their professional practice.

Disclosure is never an option. Providers must make the disclosure information available before the activity The ACCME will deem disclosure not to have occurred if a learner can participate in the activity without reasonably being expected to have encountered the disclosure information. For example, telling learners as the lecture begins that disclosure information is in a file at the registration desk or on file in the provider's office is not a good faith effort to make the disclosure information available before the activity and does not ensure that the learners have access to the information before the activity. When disclosure is provided in print, learners must be informed of the location of the disclosure information prior to the activity.

“In making decisions about implementing the ACCME 2004 Updated Standards for Commercial Support, CME providers must be guided by what is in the best interest of the public... always deferring to independence from commercial interests, transparency and keeping CME separate from product promotion – as basic guiding principles.”

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