Indiana University School of Dentistry
Department of Continuing Education

Conflict of Interest Policy

Commercial fiscal support can contribute significantly to the quality of certain continuing education activities. A conflict of interest may be considered to exist if a continuing education program speaker is affiliated with or has financial interest in any organization(s) that may have a direct interest in the subject matter of the presentation. When such situation occurs, the audience must be made aware of the affiliation/financial interest via an acknowledgement in the faculty listing in program materials. Indiana University School of Dentistry has adopted a policy to provide guidelines for the use of commercial support in continuing education programs.

All continuing education programs offered by the Indiana University School of Dentistry must adhere to the following standards:

1. Each course must offer a balanced view of all diagnostic and therapeutic options regardless of the amount of fiscal support.
2. The ultimate decision regarding finding arrangements for the planned course will be the responsibility of the Director of Continuing Education. Funds from a commercial source must be in the form of an educational grant made payable to Indiana University School of Dentistry (IUSD). Payment for expenses incurred for the course will be made through the CE Department account.
3. Commercial support must be acknowledged in printed announcements and brochures and handout material. References to specific products or services will not be allowed.
4. Commercial exhibits should not in any way affect the educational content or integrity of the course activities.
5. Commercially supported social events or meals held in conjunction with the educational courses must in no way take precedence over the educational events.
6. All attendees at a continuing education course with commercial support must pay a reasonable registration fee, although subsidies may reduce the required registration fee.
7. Full disclosure of any potential conflict of interest is required. Potential conflicts of interest include, but are not limited to, the following: research funds, holding stock in the company lending fiscal support, receiving fees, and etc.
8. Commercial support shall be limited to:
   a. The payment of reasonable honoraria.
   b. Reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses for faculty.
   c. The payment of the cost of modest meals or social events held as part of an educational activity.