

## SIR Financial and Intellectual Relationship Disclosure Policy

The Society of Interventional Radiology (SIR) supports fair and unbiased participation of our volunteers in SIR activities. Any actual or potential conflicts of interest<sup>1</sup> must be identified and managed. **All** direct financial relationships with a company<sup>2</sup> that directly impact and/or might conflict with SIR activities must be disclosed, or you must disclose that you have no direct financial relationships. Other relationships that could cause private interests to conflict with professional interests must also be identified. This policy is intended to openly identify any potential conflict so that any potential bias may be identified and the risk thereof mitigated. **Failure or refusal to complete the disclosure form or disclose any potential conflicts of interest will result in disqualification to participate in the SIR specified committee or activity.**

1) **Direct Financial Relationship:** A Direct Financial Relationship is a relationship held by an individual or an individual's partner in the first degree<sup>3</sup> that results in wages, consulting fees, honoraria, or other compensation (in cash, in stock or stock options, or in kind), whether paid to the individual or to another entity at the direction of the individual, for the individual's services or expertise. For the purpose of this policy all direct financial and intellectual relationships within the past **36 months** must be disclosed.

These include, but are not limited to:

- Salary, royalty, or other payments for services (employment, board of directors, expert witness, etc.)
- Consulting fees or honoraria (independent contractor, speakers' bureau, advisory committees, review panels)
- Ownership interest (stocks, stock options, excluding diversified mutual funds)
- Intellectual property rights including patents and copyrights
- Research funding including contracted research where the institution receives and manages the funds
- Personal relationships not otherwise covered

**Intellectual Relationship:** An Intellectual Relationship is a relationship held by an individual or an individual's partner in the first degree whereby an individual's, or group of individuals, professional activities can be enhanced or jeopardized by a recommendation or position taken by a representative body.

These include, but are not limited to:

- Leadership role with another association, society, journal, or certification body (*e.g.*, ABR)
- Membership in a lobbying or advocacy organization
- Serving as an expert witness
- Personal relationships not otherwise covered

**The following individuals must provide this disclosure annually. Failure or refusal to disclose will result in disqualification to participate in SIR committees or activities.**

### **SIR Executive Council Members and Invited Guest:**

All members of SIR Executive Council and invited guests must disclose all direct financial and intellectual relationships or disclose that he/she has no direct financial or intellectual relationships.

**SIR Non-Education Committee Membership:**

All members of SIR committees must disclose all direct financial and intellectual relationships or disclose that he/she has no direct financial or intellectual relationships.

**SIR Education Committee Membership:**

SIR Independence in Continuing Medical Education (CME) Activities: Any individual who may be **in a position to control education content** must disclose all direct financial and intellectual relationships or disclose that he/she has no direct financial or intellectual relationships.

**SIR Education Faculty and Speakers:**

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**SIR Clinical Practice Guideline or Clinical Consensus Statement Author/Reviewer:**

All members who serve as authors or reviewers on clinical practice guidelines or clinical consensus statements must disclose all direct financial and intellectual relationships or disclose that he/she has no direct financial or intellectual relationships.

**SIR Position Statement Author/Reviewer:**

All members who serve as authors or reviewers of position statements must disclose all direct financial and intellectual relationships related to the issue in the position statement, or disclose that he/she has no direct financial or intellectual relationships.

**All Financial and Intellectual Relationship Disclosure forms are reviewed to determine if any potential conflict of interest may exist. If a potential conflict of interest is identified, the disclosure form is forwarded to the SIR Ethics Committee for review and resolution.**

<sup>1</sup> “Conflict of interest” is defined as any actual or potential situation in which an individual has competing professional or personal interests that would make it difficult to be unbiased. A conflict of interest may occur when: (1) an individual’s private interest differ from his/her professional obligations, or (2) professional actions or decisions occur that an independent observer might reasonably question. A conflict of interest depends on the situation and not on the character of the individual.

<sup>2</sup> A “Company” is a for-profit entity that develops, produces, markets, or distributes drugs, devices, services or therapies used to diagnose, treat, monitor, manage, and/or alleviate health conditions. Additionally, a company includes a for-profit entity that provides goods or services to physicians and/or their practice. This definition is not intended to include non-profit entities or entities through which physicians provide clinical services directly to patients.

<sup>3</sup> A “Partner in the first degree” is defined as financial relationships of a spouse or domestic partner and/or any professional business partner.