

STANDARDS FOR INTEGRITY AND INDEPENDENCE IN ACCREDITED CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION

DISCLOSURE OF FINANCIAL RELATIONSHIPS

We are pleased that you are participating in Scimple Education's CME activities.

Scimple Education, LLC. is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME). As such, we are required to meet the ACCME's expectations for our practice of continuing medical education and meet ACCME's Standards for Integrity and Independence in Accredited Continuing Education Activities. We appreciate your help in partnering with us to follow accreditation guidelines and help us create high-quality education independent of industry influence.

ABOUT ACCME STANDARDS FOR INTEGRITY AND INDEPENDENCE

PURPOSE

It is the policy of Scimple Education, LLC. to ensure balance, independence, objectivity, and scientific rigor in all its direct and joint provided educational activities. All participating faculty, course directors, and planning committee, reviewers' members are required to disclose to the program audience any financial relationships related to the subject matter of continuing medical education (CME) activities/programs. Disclosure information is reviewed in advance in order to manage and mitigate any possible conflicts of interest. This information is necessary before taking the next steps in CME activity planning.

Scimple Education, LLC. follows the commitment of the ACCME to ensure that accredited continuing education (1) presents learners with only accurate, balanced, scientifically justified recommendations, and (2) protects learners from promotion, marketing, and commercial bias. Since healthcare professionals serve as the trusted authorities when advising patients, they must protect their learning environment from industry influence to ensure they remain true to their ethical commitments. Many healthcare professionals have financial relationships with ineligible companies. By identifying and mitigating relevant financial relationships, we work together to create a protected space to learn, teach, and engage in scientific discourse free from influence from organizations that may have an incentive to insert commercial bias into education.

PROCESS

After we receive your disclosure information, it will be reviewed to determine whether your financial relationships are relevant to the education. Please note: the identification of relevant financial relationships does not necessarily mean that you are unable to participate in the planning and implementation of this educational activity. Rather, the accreditation standards require that all financial relationships are mitigated before you assume your role in this activity.

To help us meet these expectations, please complete this form to share all financial relationships you have had with ineligible companies during the past 24 months.

STEP 1: CME ACTIVITY & PLANNER INFORMATION

Name/Credentials:	Scott D. Weingart, MD	Employer:	Metasin LLC
Email:	emcrit@gmail.com	Phone:	
Activity Name:		Activity Date:	
Please indicate your role in planning activities:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Speaker / Presenter / Faculty	<input type="checkbox"/> Course Director	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Planning Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Reviewer	
Please check all that apply	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderator	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	

STEP 2: DISCLOSURE OF ALL FINANCIAL RELATIONSHIPS

Please disclose all financial relationships you have and/or had with ANY INELIGIBLE COMPANIES IN THE PAST 24 MONTHS.

The ACCME defines an “**ineligible company**” as any entity whose primary business is producing, marketing, selling, re-selling, or distributing healthcare products used by or on patients. Visit accme.org/standards for examples.

- NO:** In the past 24 months, I have **not** had **any** financial relationships with any ineligible companies.
- YES:** In the past 24 months, I **have** a financial relationship with 1 or more ineligible companies.

IF YOU CHECKED: “YES: In the past 24 months, I have a financial relationship with 1 or more ineligible companies.” Please complete the following information:

For each financial relationship, enter the name of the ineligible company and the nature of the financial relationship(s). There is no minimum financial threshold; we ask that you disclose all financial relationships, in any amount, with ineligible companies. You should disclose relationships regardless of the potential relevance of each relationship to education.

Enter the Name of Ineligible Company	Enter the Nature of Financial Relationship	Relationship Ended?
See definition above or visit accme.org/standards for specific examples.	Examples of financial relationships include employee, researcher, consultant, advisor, speaker, independent contractor (including contracted research), royalties or patent beneficiary, executive role, and ownership interest. Individual stocks and stock options should be disclosed; diversified mutual funds do not need to be disclosed.	If the financial relationship existed during the last 24 months , but has ended check box.
COMPANY NAME	NATURE OF ROLE	ENDED
		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes

Employees and owners of ineligible companies are excluded from controlling content or participating as planners or faculty in accredited education.

Additional information may be requested to address any perceived conflict of interest. All identified conflicts of interest must be mitigated in advance of the activity and disclosure information will be shared with activity participants.

I attest that the above information is correct as of this date of submission. In the next 12 months I will inform Scimple Education, LLC. to any and all events that would change the above disclosures and my attestations.

STEP 3: CME CONTENT VALIDITY ATTESTATION

As an important contributor to our accredited education, we would like to enlist your help to ensure that educational content is fair and balanced, and that any clinical content presented supports safe, effective patient care.

This includes the expectations that:

- I understand that Scimple Education, LLC. CME staff will need to review my presentation and/or content prior to the activity, and I will provide educational content and resources in advance, as requested.
- I understand that Scimple Education, LLC. CME staff may be attending the event to ensure that my presentation is educational, and not promotional, in nature.
- I understand that commercial entity "ineligible company" corporate names or logos should not appear on my slides or handouts.
- All scientific research referred to, reported, or used in accredited education in support or justification of a patient care recommendation must conform to the generally accepted standards of experimental design, data collection, analysis, and interpretation. Citations of the work are recommended.
- Recommendations involving diagnosis and treatment discussed in the presentation are based on evidence which is accepted within the profession of medicine as adequate justification for their indications and contraindication patient care.
- If I am discussing specific health care products or services, I will use generic names to the extent possible. If I need to use trade names, I will use trade names from several companies when available, and not just trade names from any individual company.
- The content and/or presentation of the information with which I am involved will promote quality or improvements in healthcare and will not promote a specific business interest of an ineligible company.
- If I have been trained or utilized by a commercial entity or its agent as a speaker (e.g., speaker's bureau for any ineligible company, the promotional aspects of the presentation will not be included in any way with this activity.
- Content cannot be included in accredited education if it advocates for unscientific approaches to diagnosis or therapy, or if the education promotes recommendations, treatment, or manners or practicing healthcare that are determined to have risks or dangers that outweigh the benefits or are known to be ineffective in the treatment of patients.
- If I am presenting research funded by a commercial company "ineligible company", the information presented will be based on generally accepted scientific principles and methods and will not promote the ineligible company.
- Although accredited continuing education is an appropriate place to discuss, debate, and explore new and evolving topics, these areas need to be clearly identified as such within the program and individual presentations. It is the responsibility of the accredited provider to facilitate engagement with these topics without advocating for, or promoting, practices that are not, or not yet adequately based on current science, evidence, and clinical reasoning.
- If I am presenting research studies, I will include weaknesses and strengths of each study, in addition to harms and benefits of specific products. I will also discuss studies presenting different conclusions about the product, if available.
- All recommendations for patient care in accredited continuing education must be based on current science, evidence and clinical reasoning, while giving a fair and balanced view of diagnostic and therapeutic options.

Disclosure of off-label and/or investigational uses

If at any time during my educational activity, I discuss an off-label/investigative use of a commercial product/device, I understand that I must provide disclosure of that intent.

No, I do not intend to discuss an off-label/investigative use of a commercial product/device.

Yes, I do intend to discuss off-label/investigative use(s) of the following commercial product(s)/device(s).

Declaration

I will uphold Scimple Education's CME standards to ensure balance, independence, objectivity, and scientific rigor in my role in the planning, development, or presentation of this continuing education activity. I understand that CME accreditation guidelines prohibit me from accepting any reimbursement (financial, gifts, or in-kind exchange) for this presentation from any source other than the accredited CME provider or its educational partner (or fiscal agent).

I attest that the above information is correct as of this date of submission.



Signature

Date

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MITIGATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Step 1	Owners/Employees of Ineligible Company (IC)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Not an employee/owner of IC (go to Step 2)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Planning Committee employee/owner of IC (choose from below):
<input type="checkbox"/>	No planning has occurred – individual is fully recused from committee
<input type="checkbox"/>	Planning has occurred – activity will not be accredited
<input type="checkbox"/>	Faculty/speaker employee/owner of IC (choose from below):
<input type="checkbox"/>	Faculty/speaker is not allowed to present
<input type="checkbox"/>	Activity will not be accredited
Step 2	Conflict of Interest (COI)
<input type="checkbox"/>	No relevant financial relationship (no COI)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Potential COI – presenter (choose from below):
<input type="checkbox"/>	Presentation materials reviewed to ensure fair balance, scientific objectivity and no commercial bias
<input type="checkbox"/>	Presenter will refrain from making recommendations on topics of COI
<input type="checkbox"/>	All recommendations for patient care are based on peer review data
<input type="checkbox"/>	Discontinue contracted services that create financial relationship – must disclose such relationship to audience for 24 months
<input type="checkbox"/>	Individual excluded from content creation and delivery; was replaced with another presenter
<input type="checkbox"/>	Activity will not be accredited
<input type="checkbox"/>	Potential COI - planner
<input type="checkbox"/>	Planner recused from planning content relevant to reported COI
<input type="checkbox"/>	Another non-conflicted planner will participate in planning to ensure fair balance; non-conflicted planner will review proposed content to ensure it is free from potential bias; non-conflicted planner will oversee selection of faculty

Reviewed/Signed by: _____ Date: _____