

POLICIES FOR PRESENTERS

2008 Pediatric Academic Societies' Annual Meeting

In cooperation with the Center for Continuing Education Tulane University Health Sciences Center

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS

Our programs are jointly sponsored by the Center for Continuing Education, Tulane University Health Sciences Center. All educational activities are implemented in accordance with the ACCME's Essential Areas and Policies to ensure balance, independence, objectivity and scientific rigor.

- The COI Disclosure and Resolution Guidelines comply with the ACCME's 2004 Standards of Commercial Support.

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The 2004 SCS describe six Standards: (1) independence (2) resolution of personal conflicts of interest (3) appropriate use of commercial support (4) appropriate management of associated commercial promotion (5) content and format without commercial bias and (6) disclosures relevant to potential commercial bias. These updated Standards underscore continued voluntary self-regulation by the CME community, ensuring that physicians have opportunities to engage in commercially unbiased life-long learning facilitated by accredited providers. The purpose of this policy is twofold: [1] to establish guidelines and a mechanism for identifying and resolving conflicts of interest in CME educational activities as required in Standard 2, and [2] to be consistent with Tulane University's institutional policy for resolving conflicts of commitment and interest.

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Please email questions or inquiries to COI_info@pas-meeting.org or call the PAS Program office at 281-419-0052.

GENERAL POLICIES

- If the research is published in manuscript form prior to the meeting, the PAS Program Office must be notified immediately.
- The PAS meeting is a public forum and formal press releases will be prepared from pre-selected abstracts. No press releases may be distributed or displayed at the meeting without prior approval from the staff of the Press Room.
- Statement for Sabbath Observant Presenters: Those individuals who are unable to present at sessions on Saturday or Sunday should contact our office at info@pas-meeting.org as soon as possible in order to be accommodated at other sessions.

Meeting Registration And Housing

Abstract presenters ARE required to register for the meeting. If you have not already registered or secured housing for the meeting, visit the PAS web site to register and secure housing. Register by March 6, 2008 for substantial savings. The final deadline for meeting and housing registration is April 1, 2008. We strongly encourage you to register and secure housing right away.