

UC San Diego

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

JOINT PROVIDER QUESTIONNAIRE & AGREEMENT

The University of California, San Diego School of Medicine is committed to ensuring that all jointly provided activities are planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) and to providing clinically relevant educational activities for practitioners to promote improvements or quality in health care that are independent of the control of commercial interests. As part of this commitment, the University of California, San Diego School of Medicine does not jointly provide CME activities with commercial interests. **A commercial interest is defined by the ACCME as any entity producing, marketing, re-selling, or distributing health care goods or services consumed by, or used on, patients.**

Standard 1.2 of the ACCME *Standards for Commercial Support* states that “a commercial interest cannot take the role of non-accredited provider in a joint providership relationship.” Therefore, it is the responsibility of the University of California, San Diego School of Medicine to ensure that all non-accredited organizations with which we collaborate are not commercial interests or owned or controlled by a commercial interest. To facilitate the determination of your eligibility to enter into a joint providership relationship with the University of California, San Diego School of Medicine, we ask that you complete the following questionnaire and return it for our review.

I. Organization					
Name		Tax ID			
Address					
City, State, ZIP					
Telephone		Fax		Website	
Contact				E-Mail	

II. Mission	
A.	The ACCME defines a commercial interest as “ any entity producing, marketing, re-selling, or distributing health care goods or services consumed by, or used on, patients. ” Do you believe that your organization or part of your organization is a commercial interest as defined by the ACCME? <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES
B.	Does your organization advocate for an ACCME-defined commercial interest? <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES

C. Is your organization involved in providing commercial or other company-directed activities or services for pharmaceutical companies, medical device manufacturers, nutraceutical or herbal supplement companies, etc., including but not limited to advertising/promotional services, publication planning, speaker bureau management, speaker training, and advisory board/consultant meeting planning?

NO YES

D. Please provide a brief overview of your organization and include your mission statement.

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III. Corporate Structure

A. A parent organization is defined as one that owns and fiscally controls another organization. In that context, do you have a parent organization?

NO YES

B. If yes, please identify your parent organization.

Name		Tax ID	
Address			
City, State, ZIP			
Website			

C. The ACCME defines a commercial interest as “**any entity producing, marketing, re-selling, or distributing health care goods or services consumed by, or used on, patients.**” Do you believe that your parent company is a commercial interest as defined by the ACCME?

NO YES N/A

D. Does your parent company advocate for an ACCME-defined commercial interest?

NO YES N/A

E. Is your parent company involved in providing commercial or other company-directed activities or services for pharmaceutical companies, medical device manufacturers, nutraceutical or herbal supplement companies, etc., including but not limited to advertising/promotional services, publication planning, speaker bureau management, speaker training, and advisory board/consultant meeting planning?

NO YES N/A

F. If applicable, please provide a brief overview of your parent organization and include their mission statement:

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G. Is your organization part of a larger family of companies that is affiliated with any other organization(s) (i.e. do you have any sister companies)?

NO YES

H. Does any organization (sister company) you are affiliated with advocate for an ACCME-defined commercial interest?

NO YES N/A

I. Is any organization (sister company) that you are affiliated with involved in providing commercial or other company-directed activities or services for pharmaceutical companies, medical device manufacturers, nutraceutical or herbal supplement companies, etc., including but not limited to advertising/promotional services, publication planning, speaker bureau management, speaker training, and advisory board/consultant meeting planning?

NO YES N/A

IV. Corporate Firewalls

If any affiliate (sister company) or subsidiary of your organization is involved in providing commercial or other company-directed activities for a commercial interest, you must have a corporate firewall in place to maintain independence in the development of content and implementation of CME activities. Therefore, please verify that your organization has guidelines and firewalls in place to provide for separation of CME and promotional staff (e.g. independent, non-overlapping management, distinct and separate staff responsible for the development of educational content, separate physical locations, different telephone and fax numbers and Internet domains for e-mail addresses, individual computer networks, etc.).

A. Please describe the elements of your firewall:

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B. *Attach* an organizational chart that depicts how your organization and management and content-related personnel are distinct and separate from those that are involved in providing commercial or other company-directed activities for a commercial interest.

V. Attestation

I hereby certify that the above information is correct and that the University of California, San Diego School of Medicine will be immediately notified if any of the above information changes.			
Print Name		Title	
Signature		Date	

Thank you for taking the time to respond to this questionnaire. At the University of California, San Diego School of Medicine, we value your contribution to our educational process and hope to be able to continue our relationship with you. We will advise you of our findings within two weeks of submission. Please email to cmeaccred@ucsd.edu.

REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE (to be completed by UC San Diego only)			
<i>This organization has been reviewed and approved as a joint provider of CME activities for a 12-month period from the date of this acceptance.</i>			
Print Name		Title	
Signature		Date	