

## **MIDWEST SOCIETY OF PERIODONTOLOGY DISCLOSURE STATEMENT REGARDING DUAL COMMITMENT**

In order to ensure balance, independence, objectivity, and scientific rigor in scientific/educational activities, the Society requires disclosure of potential conflicts of interest by its Annual Meeting speakers. Potential conflicts of interest include relationships with pharmaceutical companies, biomedical device manufacturers or distributors, academic or research institutions, or others whose products or services related to the subject matter of the scientific/educational activity.

It is recognized that speakers have personal, business, and professional interests or commitments, some of which may have the potential to create conflicts. The principal intent of requiring disclosure is not to prevent an individual speaker with dual commitments from involvement, in so much as creating transparency of the speaker's relationships may be observed in light of full disclosure of related information.

### **SUMMARY OF OPERATING PRINCIPLES GOVERNING DISCLOSURE OF DUAL COMMITMENT**

1. The expression "dual commitment" describes the dilemma faced by speakers when their responsibility to remain unbiased may be compromised or perceived to be compromised by a simultaneous commitment to commercial interests related to the subject of a specific scientific/educational activity. "Conflict of interest" refers to a degree of dual commitment that may be strong enough to produce reservations regarding potential loss of objectivity.
2. Dual commitments include, but are not limited to:
  - Financial Interest -ownership, stocks, past or present employment of immediate family, royalties, etc.
  - Consultant -paid or unpaid.
  - Special Customer Preferences.
  - Support of research activities
3. The Midwest Society of Periodontology requires disclosure of dual commitments

**Any information provided by speakers in the disclosure statement may be published in the Society's on-site Annual Meeting program.**

**DISCLOSURE OF DUAL COMMITMENT**

I have read the operating principles governing dual commitment and potential conflict of interest. As it pertains to my potential role as a Midwest Society of Periodontology Annual Meeting presenter, I declare that:

\_\_\_\_\_ I have no dual commitment (as previously defined in this document).

\_\_\_\_\_ I may have an area of dual commitment as stipulated below.

Type of Commitment Company Financial Interest

\_\_\_\_\_ Consultant

\_\_\_\_\_ Special Customer Preferences

\_\_\_\_\_ Direct Research Contract

\_\_\_\_\_ Research through University

\_\_\_\_\_ Other (please explain)

**If my interests or commitments change during the year, I agree to file an amended disclosure statement at that time.**

Name (please print)

Signature Date

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