



THE MUSCULOSKELETAL TUMOR SOCIETY

MSTS MANDATORY DISCLOSURE POLICY

For Governance Groups and Continuing Medical Education Contributors

Philosophy

In order to promote transparency and confidence in the educational programs and in the decisions of the Musculoskeletal Tumor Society (MSTS) the MSTS Executive Committee has adopted this mandatory disclosure policy.

The actions and expressions of Members, Associates, Affiliates, Candidates, and others providing education of the highest quality, or in shaping MSTS policy, must be as free of outside influence as possible, and any relevant potentially conflicting interests or commercial relationships must be disclosed. Because the MSTS depends upon voluntary service by Members, Associates, Affiliates, Candidates, and others to conduct its educational programs and achieve its organizational goals, this disclosure policy has been designed to be realistic and workable.

The MSTS does not view the existence of these interests or relationships as necessarily implying bias or decreasing the value of participation in the MSTS.

Obligation to Disclose

Each participant in a MSTS continuing medical education (CME) program or author of enduring materials, and members of the MSTS Executive Committee, Committees, Project Teams or other official MSTS groups (collectively "MSTS governance groups"), has the obligation to disclose all potentially conflicting interests.

Using the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons' (AAOS) Orthopaedic Disclosure Program database, participants are responsible for providing information to the MSTS. Participants are responsible for the accuracy and completeness of their information. In addition, participants have an obligation to review and update their personal information in the AAOS Orthopaedic Disclosure Program at least semiannually. It is recommended that participants note any changes to the AAOS Orthopaedic Disclosure Program as soon as possible after they occur.

Failure of a required participant to disclose will result in the participant being asked not to participate in the MSTS CME program and MSTS governance groups.

A list of all faculty involved in MSTS CME programs and all participants in MSTS governance groups, along with their disclosures, will be included in all meeting materials.



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Participants in MSTS governance groups have an obligation to indicate any potential conflicts they may have during discussions affecting their personal interests during meeting of the MSTS governance group. At each meeting of the MSTS governance group, members of the group will be reminded by the presiding leader that full disclosure must be made of any potential conflict of interest when a matter involving that interest is discussed.

The president or chair of the governance group also shall have the prerogative of requesting a participant to provide further information or an explanation if the chair identifies a potential conflict of interest regarding that participant. Based on the information provided in the AAOS Orthopaedic Disclosure Program and/or upon a further review, the president or chair of the MSTS governance group may determine that the participant shall:

- Disclose the conflict and continue to participate fully in the MSTS governance group's deliberations
- Disclose the conflict, but abstain from discussing and voting on the matter; or
- Disclose the conflict and leave the room or conference call until the matter has been fully discussed and acted upon.

If one of the latter two actions is taken, it should be reflected in the minutes of the MSTS governance group's meeting.