Disclosure of Relevant Financial Relationships

It is the policy of the Society for Simulation in Healthcare (SSH) to insure balance, independence, objectivity, and scientific rigor in all of its educational activities.

All individuals in a position to control content of SSH educational or scientific content must disclose the name of commercial interests producing, marketing, re-selling, or distributing healthcare and/or simulation-related goods or services with which the individual and his/her spouse or partner has had a relevant financial relationship within the past 12 months. Please review the definitions below of “commercial interest”, “financial relationships”, “relevant financial relationships”, and “conflict of interest” to ensure compliance with this policy.

Definitions:

Commercial interest: A “commercial interest” is defined as any entity producing, marketing, re-selling, or distributing healthcare and/or simulation-related goods or services. Providers of clinical service directly to patients are not considered commercial interests.

Financial relationships: Financial relationships are those relationships in which the individual benefits by receiving a salary, royalty, intellectual property rights, consulting fee, honoraria, ownership interest (e.g., stocks, stock options or other ownership interest, excluding diversified mutual funds), or other financial benefit. Financial benefits are usually associated with roles such as employment, management position, independent contractor (including contracted research), consulting, speaking and teaching, membership or advisory committees or review panels, board membership, and other activities from which remuneration is received, or expected. Relationships of the individual’s spouse or partner are to be included as those of the individual.

Relevant financial relationships: Financial relationships with commercial interests are relevant if they have occurred in the 12-month period preceding the time the individual is involved in controlling SSH educational and/or scientific content. There is no minimal dollar amount considered for relationships to be considered relevant. Inherent in any amount is the incentive to maintain or increase the value of the relationship.

Conflict of Interest: Circumstances create a conflict of interest when an individual has an opportunity to affect SSH educational or scientific content about products of services of a commercial interest with which he/she has a relevant financial relationship.