

Policy for Conflict of Interests

The entire process of AUC creation and review is subject to the policies of Partners Health Care regarding potential conflicts of interest. Massachusetts General Hospital is an affiliated institution within Partners HealthCare Incorporated. Partners recognizes that conflicts of interest, and the appearance of conflict of interest, may create a risk that integrity, independence, leadership, exercise of professional judgment, or the reputation of Partners may be compromised.

Partners has adopted the *Partners Policy for Interactions with Industry and Other Outside Entities* to evaluate and appropriately address these relationships, and to ensure that the process of publicly transparent. The Partners Conflict of Interest Policy is included as Appendix 1. (Note: The term “Partners” refers to Partners HealthCare System, Inc. and/or one or more of its Affiliated Institutions. Except for Section 1.2.3, terms in this Policy that have initial capital letters shall have the meaning specified in the Glossary. Italicized terms in Section 1.2.3 shall have the meaning specified in the Harvard Medical School (HMS) Conflicts Policy.)

Public Transparent Process

MGH utilizes a public transparent process for identifying potential conflicts of interest as noted described in the attached policy. In addition, Partners’ policy are to be followed by all employees for resolving conflicts of interest of members on the multidisciplinary team and any other party participating in AUC development or modification, to include recusal or exclusion of individuals as appropriate. In order to be compliant, our website will note any conflicts of interest on our website, which will be available to public and be available for a period of not less than 5 years after the most recent published update of the relevant AUC in question. Partners Policy for Interactions with Industry and Other Outside Entities:

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