

Exhibitor and Sponsorship Guidelines for the AADPRT Annual Meeting

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Purpose

To ensure that financial support for AADPRT annual meeting supports the organization's educational mission while preserving scientific integrity, independence of educational content, and protection of attendees from undue influence.

1. Guiding Principles

The organization may approve potential exhibitors or sponsors when they:

- Support the educational mission of the organization
- Do not influence program content, speakers, or educational materials
- Fully disclose participation to attendees
- Maintain clear separation between educational programming and promotional activities

The organization prioritizes maintaining trust, professionalism, and independence in medical education.

2. Permitted Exhibitor and Sponsorship Activities

Exhibitors and Sponsors may:

- Rent exhibit tables in designated exhibit areas
- Be acknowledged in conference materials (program, website, signage)
- Provide unrestricted educational grants to support conference operations

Exhibitors and Sponsors may not:

- Influence topic selection, speakers, or educational content
- Provide sponsored talks embedded within the educational program
- Place promotional materials in educational session rooms
- Receive attendee contact lists

Sponsored activities will be attended by a representative of the Development Committee, with a report back to the Program Committee and Executive Committee on the conduct and adherence to the guidelines.

3. Educational Independence

All conference content, including:

- session topics
- invited speakers
- educational materials

is determined solely by the conference planning committee.

Exhibitors and Sponsors have no role in the development or delivery of educational programming.

4. Transparency

All exhibitor and sponsorship relationships will be:

- Publicly disclosed in conference materials
- Listed on the conference website and program
- Acknowledged without promotional messaging within educational sessions, when appropriate.

5. Review Process

The Development Committee will review all potential exhibitors and sponsors on a case-by-case basis to ensure alignment with guidelines and appropriateness. Particular attention will be given to potential sponsors/exhibitors marketing products and services applied directly in clinical care.

The organization reserves the right to decline sponsorship from any entity whose activities are inconsistent with the organization's mission or ethical standards.

6. Conflict-of-Interest Management

Development Committee members will disclose any relevant financial interests and will recuse themselves from decisions on any potential exhibitors or sponsors with whom they have a financial relationship.

Faculty and speakers must disclose relevant financial relationships with sponsors. Disclosures will be made available to conference attendees.

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7. AADPRT Sponsorship and Endorsement

Acceptance of financial contributions from exhibitors or sponsors does not imply endorsement of any organization, product, or service by AADPRT.