

## **Disclosure of Interests and Management of Conflicts of Interest in Clinical Guidelines and Guidance Statements: Methods From the Clinical Guidelines Committee of the American College of Physicians (2019)**

This paper describes the methods used for collecting disclosure of interests (DOIs) and managing conflicts of interest (COIs) during the development of clinical guidelines and guidance statements by the Clinical Guidelines Committee (CGC) of the American College of Physicians (ACP). The CGC's guiding principle for collection of DOI and management of COIs is to prioritize the interests of the patient over any competing or professional interests via an evidence-based assessment of the benefits, harms, and costs of an intervention. Under the assumption that not all external interests present equal levels of threat, the CGC developed a tiered scheme to assess interests and manage COIs.

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