

**Responsible Conduct of Research
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Childrens Hospital Los Angeles**

Session 5: The Dark Side of the Search for Truth

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Date: October 14, 2010

Time: Thursday: 8 am to 9:30 am

Location: CLIC classroom

Overview: Since the passage of the Bayh-Dole act in 1980, Conflicts of Interest (COI) have resulted in significant loss of the public trust in the integrity of scientists. Further, because of the potential for significant harms to the public welfare, it has become incumbent on scientists to look carefully at their own motivations and values in the conduct of their profession. This session will prompt analysis, discussion and insight into the factors which can encourage investigators to engage in both conscious and unconscious bias about process and outcome of their work through pre-readings on background and the detailed discussion of three hypothetical vignettes.

Textbooks and Other Readings:

1. Pre-reading will be distributed about 1 week before the session.
 - a. Handout.
 - b. Lo B, LE Wolf and A Berkeley (2000). Conflict-of-interest policies for investigators in clinical trials. NEJM; 343: 1616-1620
 - c. Kassirer JP and M Angell (1993). Financial conflicts of interest in biomedical research. NEJM; 329: 570-571
 - d. Korn D. Industry, academia, investigator: managing the relationships. Acad Med 2002; 77: 1089-1095
 - e. Thompson DF (1993). Understanding financial conflicts of interest. NEJM; 329: 573-576
2. Recommended texts for advance reading:
 - a. Ariely, D. Predictably Irrational. Harper Collins. 2008

- b. Speece, RG, DS Shimm, AE Buchanan (eds). Conflicts of Interest in Clinical Practice and Research. Oxford University Press. New York. 1996.
- c. Moore, DA, DM Cain, G Loewenstein, MH Bazerman (eds). Conflicts of Interest – Challenges and Solutions in Business, Law, Medicine, and Public Policy. Cambridge University Press. New York. 2005.
- d. Davis, M and S Stark (eds.) Conflict of Interest in the Professions. Oxford University Press. New York. 2001.
- e. Lo, B and MJ Field (eds.) Conflict of Interest in Medical Research, Education and Practice. Institute of Medicine. National Academies Press. Washington DC. 2009. Downloadable at:
[http://dpcpsi.nih.gov/eo/documents/Final-Report-Conflict-Interest-\(08-6002-OD-OER\)-9-18-09.pdf](http://dpcpsi.nih.gov/eo/documents/Final-Report-Conflict-Interest-(08-6002-OD-OER)-9-18-09.pdf).

Course attendees with disabilities are encouraged to participate. If there are special needs, particularly with respect to participation in the interactive discussions, these should be brought to the attention of the course coordinators (Dr. Lew and Ms. T. Tierney) so that accommodations can be arranged.

Course Objectives: Attendees will, at the conclusion of the session:

1. Recognize situations of potential conflict of interest in research.
2. List at least 2 approaches for management of conflict of interest.
3. List at least 2 types of conflicts of interest.

Expectations: All attendees will

1. Do the pre-readings.
2. Participate actively in the discussions of vignettes during the session.

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