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Syllabus Disclosure of Financial Relationships

Title of Activity: Massachusetts Annual Breastfeeding Conference **Date of Activity:** 10/05/2009

Balance, Objectivity, Best Available Evidence

In accordance with the policies of Tufts University School of Medicine Office of Continuing Education and major accrediting or professional organizations, educational activities shall be balanced, objective, and based on scientific methods generally accepted in the medical community. Faculty shall reference the best available evidence (e.g., evidence-based medicine or best practices) and shall disclose limitations of the information and data, such as interim results, preliminary data or unsupported opinion. Activities shall provide meaningful opportunities for scientific debate or questioning during the activity.

Disclosure of Relevant Financial Relationships with Commercial Interests

All faculty, course directors, planning committee members and others in a position to control the content of an educational activity are required to disclose to the audience any relevant financial relationships with commercial interests. Conflicts of interest resulting from a relevant financial relationship must be resolved prior to the activity.

Commercial Interest is defined as any entity producing, marketing, re-selling, or distributing health care goods or services consumed by, or used on, patients.

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 on advisory committees or review panels, board membership, and other activities from which remuneration is received, or expected. The Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education considers relationships of the person involved in the educational activity to include financial relationships of a spouse or partner.

Relevant Financial Relationship is a financial relationship in any amount occurring within the past 12 months that creates a conflict of interest.

A Conflict of Interest is created when an individual has an opportunity to affect educational content about products or services of a commercial interest with which he/she has a financial relationship.

The following individual has a relevant financial relationship with a commercial interest(s):			
Role	Name	Proprietary Entity	Nature of Financial Relationship
Planner/Presenter	Marsha Walker	Ameda	Speaker's Bureau

The following individuals have no relevant financial relationship to report in the last 12 months with a commercial interest:

Melissa Bartick, Naomi Bar Yam, Tien-Lan Chang, Rachel Colchamiro, Jane Crotteau, Mary Foley, Lauren Hanley, Lucia Jenkins, Donna Karl, Gayle Midura, Barbara L. Philipp, Karin Pearson, Lara Shew, and Mirosleidy Tejada.

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