Strategies for Managing/Mitigating Identified Conflicts of Interest

When a conflict of interest is declared, the Scientific Planning committee and/or the physician organization must have a process in place to manage identified conflicts of interest that, in the judgment of the physician organization, are of significant concern.

A few examples of strategies that can be considered to manage or mitigate identified conflicts are below:

1. The speaker could be required to alter the focus of the talk to limit the areas where conflict of interest is significant.

2. The topic selected could be changed, but the same speaker be used.

3. The Scientific Planning Committee (SPC) could ask for a peer review of the content to ensure that the principles of scientific integrity, objectivity and balance have been respected.

4. Both topic and speaker could be excluded from the activity. This is a very uncommon occurrence, but it can be a last resort if a significant conflict of interest cannot be otherwise managed.