

## Conflict of interest form for council

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Conflicts of interest (COI) arise where there is a divergence between an individual's responsibilities to COPE Council and their other interests, such that an individual's motives might be compromised, or perceived to be compromised. COI declarations are important since Council members' opinions and actions must be, and must be seen to be, impartial. COI declarations of all council members are collected on election and annually thereafter.

Conflicts of interest areas include, but are not limited to, the items in the table below. Council members are required to disclose any of the following:

All relevant <b>financial relationships</b> with commercial interests (entities producing, marketing, re-selling, or distributing goods or services) in any amount as well as the nature of the relationship (personal or immediate family) within the past 5 years, eg;
Grant / research support: None
Consultancies: I am a faculty member of Shiraz University of Medical Sciences, in Shiraz, Iran and as a duty I have a role as consultant in various aspects of research and publishing.
Membership of speakers' bureaux: None
Patent ownership: None
Membership of scientific advisory board: I am a member of The Iranian Society of Medical Editors (ISME), EMAME, and ICMJE
Membership of board of directors: ISME
Stock shareholding (directly purchased): None
Other financial support (e.g. honoraria, travel grants, gift, royalties). Please specify: I present various workshops across the country for faculty members of medical universities, some of which I receive as an honorarium. I also work as freelance copy editor and medical writer in my free time.

Any **non-financial relationships/affiliations** relevant to COPE. Please specify.

**Further information**

Charity Commissions - [Conflicts of interest: a guide for trustees](#)

While COI declarations will be renewed annually, conflicts of interest must also be specifically declared at the beginning of each Council or Forum meeting, or before participation in any complaints procedures.