

## ATS 2022

### Instructions for Preparing the Required Disclosure Slide(s)

#### Please note:

- To comply with Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) requirements that took effect this year - requiring disclosure-to-learners of all presenters' financial relationships with "ineligible companies" during the past 24 months - **we must ask you to prepare a disclosure slide, using the ATS 2022 Disclosure Slide template (PowerPoint) that is available on the Faculty/Authors page of the Conference website, and place it at the front of your presentation slide set** (i.e., after your title slide, to show before your presentation remarks begin). Due to pandemic-related impacts, ATS is unable to produce these slides automatically this year.
- **This disclosure slide requirement is in addition to the mandatory completion of the online 2022 ATS Disclosure Form prior to the Conference.** The separate form enables ATS to meet the separate ACCME requirement for review and mitigation of financial relationships with ineligible companies in advance of presentations, for which ATS requires additional information (beyond what is required in this simple Disclosure Slide). ATS accomplishes this through an annual online disclosure form used for all official ATS activities (excluding manuscript-specific disclosure for ATS Journals). ATS Ethics Office staff will contact Conference presenters directly to provide them with the ATS COI Disclosure Website address and login username and password instructions. If additional assistance is needed, please e-mail [ethicsoffice@thoracic.org](mailto:ethicsoffice@thoracic.org)

**STEP 1: Download the required ATS 2022 disclosure slide template (PowerPoint slides)**, available on the Faculty/Authors page of the Conference website.

**STEP 2:** If helpful to you, **once you have completed a 2022 online ATS Disclosure Form at our ATS Disclosure Website, you can download a PDF to remind you of any disclosures you made there**, including any financial relationships with ineligible companies (see Step 3 for definition and examples) that must be listed in your disclosure slide. Log back at <https://thoracic.coiriskmanager.com> using your ATS-issued site username and self-determined password. If forgotten, use the "Forgot ..." options on the log-in page. Within the site, at "Home" choose "Disclosures Available to Update", then once back within your 2022 form, click the "View Disclosure" icon (not "Update"). These instructions and printing tips are also available by clicking "Help" within the disclosure site.

**STEP 3: The following are the ACCME definition of "ineligible company" and ACCME-determined examples of the types of companies for which any financial relationships must be disclosed.** Please note that "Ineligible company" is a new ACCME-mandated term applying to the types of commercial entities (companies) that are ineligible to be an ACCME-accredited provider of continuing medical education (CME). "Ineligible" does not mean that having a financial relationship with such a company automatically makes you ineligible to present in independently planned and conducted CME such as ATS-2022. (The following taken directly from <https://accme.org/faq/what-accmes-definition-ineligible-company>).

*Companies that are ineligible to be accredited in the ACCME System (ineligible companies) are those whose primary business is producing, marketing, selling, re-selling, or distributing healthcare products used by or on patients. Examples of such organizations include:*

*Advertising, marketing, or communication firms whose clients are ineligible companies  
Bio-medical startups that have begun a governmental regulatory approval process  
Compounding pharmacies that manufacture proprietary compounds*

*Device manufacturers or distributors*  
*Diagnostic labs that sell proprietary products*  
*Growers, distributors, manufacturers or sellers of medical foods and dietary supplements*  
*Manufacturers of health-related wearable products*  
*Pharmaceutical companies or distributors*  
*Pharmacy benefit managers*  
*Reagent manufacturers or sellers*

**STEP 4: Prepare your slide by using the Disclosure Slide Template.** Please note:

- **If you have or had no financial relationships with ineligible companies** within the past 24 months, you must show the word None (pre-typed on template).
- **If you have or had one or more financial relationship(s) with ineligible companies :** Enter on your slide where noted the name of the company, followed by the type of relationship(s) with that company. ATS recommends using the following categories:

*Research – investigator initiated*

*Research – industry initiated (e.g., clinical trial)*

*Advisory committee*

*Consultant*

*Data safety and monitoring board;*

*Employee (note: employees of ineligible companies are not eligible to present within accredited CME except in limited circumstances)*

*Expert testimony;*

*Financial stake (e.g. stocks, options, business ownership);*

*Intellectual property holder;*

*Royalties, licensing fees or other sales proceeds;*

*Speaker/faculty – promotional activity;*

*Speaker/faculty – non-promotional activity;*

*Transfer of value (other than direct payment, e.g., in-kind).*

- Use the blank slide provided if additional room is needed.

**STEP 5:**

**Save your completed disclosure slide with a new file name and include it within your presentation slide set as the second slide (after your title slide).** Our accreditor requires that such disclosure-to-learners appear before you begin your presentation content. Submit your slide set as otherwise instructed by ATS.

Questions? Contact [ethicsoffice@thoracic.org](mailto:ethicsoffice@thoracic.org). Thank you!