



## Sponsor Influences on the Quality and Independence of Health Research: A Workshop

December 14-16, 2022, 11:00 am – 2:00 pm (ET)

### PURPOSE

Human health and medical research is funded by governments, philanthropic organizations, and private industry. Research may be biased by the source of the funding through the research portfolio scope; specific questions asked; experimental design; choice of principal investigator; result reporting, analysis, dissemination, and communication; data availability, and re-analysis and replication. This workshop will explore structures, processes, and principles to ensure high quality health research independent of the influence of research sponsors.

**Wednesday, December 14, 2022**

### SESSION 1 – DO SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS INFLUENCE RESEARCH?

Session Moderator: **Lonnie King, The Ohio State University**

**11:00** **Welcome**  
LONNIE J. KING, THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

**11:15** **Overview of the Evidence on Sponsor Influence**  
LISA BERO, UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

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## **SESSION 2 – PROTECTION OF RESEARCH INTEGRITY**

**Session Moderator: Aaron Kesselheim, Harvard**

**12:15 Research Integrity in Extramural Research at the National Institutes of Health**  
PATRICIA VALDEZ, NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

**12:35 Gaining Sponsor Support, While Maintaining Scientific Independence**  
DANIEL GREENBAUM, HEALTH EFFECTS INSTITUTE

**12:55 Application of Corporate Ethical Policies and Governance Processes, with a Focus on Bioethics**  
CLIVE GREEN, ASTRAZENECA UK

**1:15 Panel Discussion: Where are the Points of Influence on Scientific Research**  
SESSION SPEAKERS ABOVE; NICHOLAS CHARTRES, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO; GARY RUSKIN, U.S. RIGHT TO KNOW

**Thursday, December 15, 2022**

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## **SESSION 3 – EXAMPLES OF SPONSOR INFLUENCE OF HEALTH RESEARCH**

**Session Moderator: Ross McKinney, Association of American Medical Colleges**

**11:05 Protecting Public Health in the Face of Corporate Disinformation**  
DAVID MICHAELS, GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

**11:25 The Intended and Unintended Consequences of Health Technology and Observational Real-World Evidence**  
ADRIAN HERNANDEZ, DUKE

**11:45 Industry Funding Bias in Nutrition Science on Ultraprocessed Foods: A Cautionary Tale**  
LAURA SCHMIDT, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO

**12:05 It's What You Don't See That Counts: A Peek Behind the Smokescreen**  
MARTIN MCKEE, LONDON SCHOOL OF HYGIENE AND TROPICAL MEDICINE

**12:25 Can Data and A.I. Make it Easier to Manage the Impacts of Conflicts of Interest?**  
ADAM DUNN, UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY

**12:45 Sponsor Influence in Diabetes Research: An Industry Case Study**  
DEAN SCHILLINGER, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO

**1:05 Panel Discussion**  
SESSION SPEAKERS ABOVE; CARY GROSS, YALE UNIVERSITY

**2:00 Adjourn**

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## **SESSION 4 – MODELS, PROCESSES, AND PRINCIPLES USED TO PROTECT THE INDEPENDENCE AND QUALITY OF RESEARCH**

**Session Moderator: C. K. Gunsalus, National Center for Professional Research Ethics**

11:00	<b>Welcome</b> C.K. GUNSLAS
11:05	<b>A Deep Dive into Professionalism: Policy Solutions to Conflicts of Interest</b> SUNITA SAH, CORNELL
11:30	<b>Role of the Sponsor (Funder) in Research Studies</b> RITA REDBERG, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO
11:55	<b>Alternatives to Industry: Seeking Independence in Biopharmaceutical Research</b> QUINN GRUNDY, UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO
12:20	<b>Protecting the Scientific Integrity of the IARC Monographs</b> VINCENT COGLIANO, CALEPA OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH HAZARD ASSESSMENT
12:45	<b>Addressing Conflicted Research in Evidence Synthesis</b> CRAIG UMSCHEID, AGENCY FOR HEALTHCARE RESEARCH AND QUALITY
1:10	<b>Panel Discussion: How to Protect Independence of Research</b> SESSION SPEAKERS ABOVE, TRACEY WOODRUFF, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO; JOEL LEXCHIN, YORK UNIVERSITY TORONTO CANADA
2:00	<b>Adjourn</b>