Physician conflicts of interest that arise due to their relationships with industry continue to be a major national concern as the Congress and Federal agencies issue tougher laws and regulations to assure transparency of these relationships to the public. At the same time, medical associations and societies debate the need for more stringent ethical standards in an acknowledgement that physician behaviors must change. Industry leaders are also taking a fresh look at the changing landscape. This is a compelling time for all, but in particular, providers of medical education who must adopt new coping mechanisms and institutional policies to safeguard the reputations of their faculty and their home institutions, as well as try to identify support worthy CME projects. This important session brings together three national thought leaders on physician conflicts of interest and industry responsibility.

**Objectives:**

At the end of this teleconference session, the learner should be able to:

- Recognize and manage physician conflicts of interest with industry
- Promote faculty and institutional awareness of the consequences of physician conflicts of interest
- Discuss the new CEJA rules relative to physician disclosure and their impact on CME
- Describe new models for commercial support that mitigate potential conflicts of interest in funding CME

**Speakers:**

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**Moderator:** **Robert D’Antuono, MHA**, is an AHME board member, CCME Chair-Elect and Director of Continuing Medical Education at Winthrop University Hospital.

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