

SOCIETY OF BEHAVIORAL MEDICINE

Policy on Tobacco Industry Involvement by SBM Members and Others Participating in SBM Activities

I. Underlying Principles

- A. The Society of Behavioral Medicine (“SBM”) is, as part of its mission, committed to (a) the prevention and treatment of diseases and other detriments to human health and well-being caused by the use of tobacco and electronic nicotine delivery systems; and (b) standing against information, research and advocacy from sources that seek to generate controversy and uncertainty regarding the dangers of tobacco and electronic nicotine delivery systems, to the detriment of human behavioral and other health and well-being. Accordingly:
 - 1. SBM and its directors, officers, members, staff, and activities will not support activities of the tobacco industry (as defined herein) that promote the public’s exposure to tobacco products (as defined herein).
 - 2. SBM:
 - (a) Does not invest in tobacco entities (as defined in section II, A., below).
 - (b) Does not accept for its journals or other publications any research that has been funded by tobacco entities.
 - (c) Does not accept for its journals or other publications any research submitted by an author or co-author who is employed by a tobacco entity at time of submission.
 - (d) Does not accept for its conferences, meetings, symposia, or other events (“events”) any research that has been funded by tobacco entities.
 - (e) Does not accept for its events any research submitted by an author who is employed by a tobacco entity at time of submission.
- B. SBM will, as it considers appropriate, inform its members, its staff, any non-members participating in SBM activities, its partnering societies, and the public at large of this Policy.
- C. SBM’s knowledge and management of an individual’s conflict of interest due to a relationship with the tobacco industry relies on the self-disclosure of SBM member and participants in SBM activities. This disclosure is achieved through SBM procedures for disclosure of conflict of interest and the efforts of SBM’s officers, directors, editors, chairs of SBM meetings and councils, committees, task forces, and scientific and educational programs, and SBM staff to carry out this Policy according to established SBM procedures.

II. Definitions: Relationships with the Tobacco Industry, Tobacco Entities

- A. An SBM member, or a non-member who participates in SBM activities outlined in this Policy (referred to below as “individual”), has a conflict of interest whenever she/he has a relationship (as described in section II.B) with a tobacco entity that benefits either the SBM member/non-member or the tobacco entity in its promotion of tobacco. For the purposes of this Policy, the term “tobacco entity(ies)” is defined as any business or other enterprise engaged in business or other gainful activity in the tobacco industry, the term “tobacco industry” meaning, for purposes of this Policy:
- (1) the manufacture, distribution, promotion and/or sale of cigarettes, cigars, snuff, chewing tobacco and pipe tobacco (“tobacco products”); or
 - (2) the manufacture, distribution, promotion and/or sale of electronic nicotine delivery systems products unless such business or other enterprise is not controlled by, under common control with, or in control of, a business or enterprise described in sub. (1), above, but including any such business or enterprise for which it may be reasonably concluded, as a result of publicly available information, that its ownership, activities, and/or image benefits the sale of a tobacco product. Included are companies involved in the manufacture and/or sale of non-tobacco nicotine delivery devices, such as e-cigarettes, when owned in whole or part by a tobacco entity.
- B. Activities that, for purposes of this Policy, constitute a relationship with a tobacco entity include, but are not limited to employment by a tobacco entity, or otherwise being engaged in any business or enterprise engaged in any activities described in II.A.(1) or (2), above.

III. Disclosure of Involvement with the Tobacco Industry

- A. Wherever SBM requires disclosure of actual or potential conflicts of interest, individuals must disclose all relationships with a tobacco entity or the tobacco industry held by them.
- B. Individuals known by SBM to have a current relationship with a tobacco entity are prohibited from participating in various SBM capacities, as stated in Section IV, below. Spouse/life partner relationships are excluded.
- C. SBM may from time to time prescribe forms to be used for purposes of compliance with the disclosure requirements described hereunder.

IV. Consequences of Relationships with the Tobacco Industry

- A. Individuals who have a current relationship with a tobacco entity may not be:
1. a member of SBM;
 2. nominated or serve as an SBM officer, director, or chair or chair-elect of an SBM meeting, event, council, committee, or task force;
 3. accepted for publication in any journal or other written or electronic publication of SBM. SBM does not accept for its journals any research that has been funded by tobacco entities or submitted by an author or co-author who has a relationship with a tobacco entity; or
 4. accepted as a presenter or speaker at any SBM event. SBM does not accept for its

events any research that has been funded by tobacco entities or submitted by an author or co-author who has a relationship with a tobacco entity

V. Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems

- A. Disclosure of relationships with manufacturers, distributors and marketers of non-tobacco electronic nicotine delivery systems such as e-cigarettes, personal vaporizers, vape pens, e-cigars, e-hookah, or vaping devices (products that produce an aerosolized mixture containing flavored liquids and nicotine that is inhaled by the user), whether or not such manufacturer, distributor or marketer is controlled by, in control of, or under common control with, or otherwise affiliated with, a tobacco entity or is required in same manner as disclosures required under sub. III.C., above.
- B. Disclosure of relationships with manufacturers, distributors and marketers of on-prescription nicotine patches, gums, etc., indicated solely for tobacco use cessation is required within an individual's disclosure of relevant commercial interests, such as involvement with pharmaceutical companies, but does not cause the automatic limitations on an individual's eligibility for membership or other participation in SBM activities specified in this Policy.

VI. Procedures for Implementation

Procedures for implementation, interpretation, and adjudication of this Policy shall be determined and overseen by the SBM Executive Committee and its staff or other designee, or where specific to the journals and other publications of SBM, by the SBM Executive Committee, editors, staff and/or other designees thereof.