

BOUCHER INSTITUTE POLICY

Policy Title: Boucher Continuing Medical Education Policy

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Related Procedure(s): Continuing Education Procedure

Boucher CME Goals

- It is the policy of the Boucher Institute of Naturopathic Medicine to insure balance, independence, objectivity, and scientific rigor in all its sponsored educational programs.
- Speakers at continuing medical education activities are required to disclose to the audience their financial relationships with the manufacturer(s) of any commercial products, goods or services related to the subject matter of the program topic. Any conflicts of interest must be resolved prior to the presentation and verbally announced to the audience at the onset of each presentation. The intent of this disclosure is to allow participants to form their own judgments about the educational content of this activity and determine whether the speaker's commercial interests influenced the presentation.
- Activities must have significant intellectual and/or practical content related to the practice of naturopathic medicine.
- CME programming should be balanced, independent, objective, and evidence-informed where possible.
- Courses are designed to keep membership current in changes in the practice environment, in technology, and innovations in the profession as members are required to maintain their knowledge skills or judgment through continuous learning and professional development as required to maintain licensure in accordance to the CNPBC rules and regulations.

Activities must:

- contain a COI statement to identify and resolve conflicts of interest prior to the presentation,
- relate to professional responsibilities, skill development, knowledge enhancement or ethical/legal obligations,
- ensure that activities meet the needs for the profession,
- clearly define and communicate objectives to the learners,
- be consistent with Boucher CME policy and support Boucher's mission statement and
- follow the Boucher CME Procedure.