



NABH POLICY ON RELATIONSHIPS WITH INDUSTRY AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS



1. INTRODUCTION:

- 1.1. NABH Mission is to operate accreditation and allied programs in collaboration with stakeholders focusing on patient safety and quality of healthcare based upon national/international standards. The NABH boards while being supported by all stakeholders including industry, consumers, government, have full functional autonomy in its operation. NABH is a non-profit organisation.

NABH recognizes the need to have a policy on relationships with industry* and other organizations** that ensures proper balance, independence, objectivity and scientific rigor in governance and in education, research and all other activities/ tasks being undertaken by the NABH. The policy outlined in this document serves as a guide for the NABH at the national and international level to address conflicts of interest and relationships with industry and other organizations (eg., corporations, government agencies, and society hereafter referred to as “organizations”).

NABH envisages benefits by the relationship with industry and other organizations whose goals align with NABH as it will help to foster NABH mission. NABH recognizes that professionals—especially those involved in policy-making, research, education, standard-setting, fund-raising or advocacy—are subject to conflicts of interest (COI).

2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

- 2.1. A situation in which financial or other considerations have the potential to compromise or bias professional judgment and objectivity. These situations include but are not limited to relationships with providers of services and manufacturers of products.
- 2.2. **Any potential or real conflicts of interest in decision-making and principled interactions with industry and other organizations shall be disclosed.**

* **Industry** means For profit organization dealing with HCO, Pharmaceuticals, Medical device, training institute.

** **Other Organization** means not for profit organization, trust, scientific association bodies.



2.3. If a conflict is identified, it will be resolved according to clearly defined and promulgated procedures.

3. NABH PHILOSOPHY AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES for relationship with industry and other organizations:

3.1. With respect to industry support (for purposes of this document, encompasses the full range of relationships between NABH and industry, including the purchase of services (such as advertising and exhibit space), grants for educational programs, and sponsorship of activities) either from for-profit or from not-for profit corporations.

3.2. Any corporate support must help to foster NABH mission and purpose.

3.3. Any activity for which corporate support is accepted must be under NABH's complete control.

3.4. NABH does not permit corporate support to compromise its independence and integrity.

3.5. NABH is transparent in its acceptance of any corporate support; the identity of the corporate supporter is noted prominently with the activity that is being supported.

3.6. NABH acceptance of corporate support does not imply NABH endorsement of the supporting entity or any of its activities.

3.7. NABH accepts grants to conduct activities that foster the advancement of health care organization (such as educational programs).

3.8. NABH accepts sponsorship for social functions and other selected meeting services and activities for conference attendees; NABH retains complete control over such functions, services, and activities.

3.9. NABH prohibits staff member's from accepting substantial gifts or amenities from any entity that supports NABH activities, provides services to NABH, is seeking NABH business, or that may have an interest in influencing NABH programs or policies.



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- 3.10. NABH endorsement of another organizations program does not imply and may not be represented as NABH endorsement of that organization or company or any of its other programs or products.
- 3.11. Use of NABH name and Logo on programs officially endorsed by the NABH:
- a) All permission given to others to use the NABH name and /or logo will be documented in a written grant of permission that shall include appropriate restriction and controls on the manner and scope of such use.
 - b) The NABH name and logo may not be used with any form of advertising of a commercial product or service or on non NABH education materials that might imply NABH sponsorship.
- 3.12. Use of supporting organizations Name and Logo on NABH materials.
- a) Acknowledgment of the partnership industry and any other organizations is permitted on the publication, medical journal, professional periodical or NABH website. Special care must be exercised in the recognition language and placement to avoid any implied NABH endorsement of the sponsor or product.
 - b) The form of acknowledgment of partnership industry and any other organizations requires the review and approval of the NABH board.
- 3.13. NABH shall form a committee for selection of the industry and any other organization. For selection a transparent, fair and competitive process shall be adopted and short listings of the interested industry/ organization the following criteria's shall be considered.
- a) Competency
 - b) Expertise
 - c) Evidence of the similar/ related work
 - d) One of the objectives of the said industry / organization is in consonance with NABH mission.



4. OTHERS:

- 4.1. The partnership with the industry and other organization can be terminated any time without assigning any reason.
- 4.2. Periodic review of the policy shall be carried out by the NABH Secretariat and same shall be informed to the NABH board.