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November 18-22, 2026

Gaylord National Harbor, MD, USA

(adjacent to Washington, DC)

CALL FOR SYMPOSIA

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The ASTMH 2026 Annual Meeting will be held on November 18-22, 2026 at the Gaylord National Harbor in National Harbor, Maryland, USA (adjacent to Washington, DC).



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OVERVIEW

- The symposium format, including multiple speakers around a common topic, should be organized as a broad but synthesized approach to a given topic, with time for discussion.
- Submission deadline is March 4, 2026.
- All symposium proposal submitters pay a nonrefundable processing fee of \$95 US, due by March 4, 2026.
- Each symposium requires a Symposium Organizer to serve as the Chair.
- While not required, the Symposium Organizer may appoint a Co-Chair.
- As an ACCME-accredited provider of Continuing Medical Education (CME), any accepted symposium proposal that features a Symposium Organizer, Co-Chair or speaker who is an employee of or has ownership interest in an ACCME-defined ineligible company (commercial interest) will not carry CME credit.
- Priority will be given to proposals with a speaker panel that reflects the Society's diverse membership. Organizers should consider speaker diversity with respect to gender and institution, and both country of residence and origin, where applicable, when developing a slate of speakers.
- All symposia must include at least one female speaker and one male speaker unless specific exception is granted by the Scientific Program Chair. Proposals that do not meet this criterion will not be considered for presentation.
- The Society highly encourages inclusion of speakers from **low and low-middle income countries (LMICs)**.
- Registration for symposium participants:
 - Symposium Organizers, Co-Chairs and speakers who are ASTMH members will be offered a discounted registration rate for the Annual Meeting.
 - To encourage wider participation in the Society, each symposium will receive one complimentary Annual Meeting registration to be used for a symposium speaker. The Symposium Organizer will determine which symposium speaker, if any, will receive the registration.
 - All other non-member symposium participants (Symposium Organizer, Co-Chair and speakers) must pay the full registration fee.



2026 ASTMH President Terrie Taylor

IMPORTANT DATES

Week of February 2, 2026:
Symposium submission site opens

March 4, 2026:
Submission deadline
\$95 US nonrefundable fee due

Mid-June 2026:
Acceptance notices sent

Early July 2026:
Finalized information for accepted symposia due

Mid-September 2026:
Symposium schedule sent to Symposium Organizers

QUESTIONS?

Contact Shaima Abdul-Aziz,
Project Manager, at
sabdul-aziz@astmh.org.



Wafaa El-Sadr, 2025 Opening Keynote Speaker



ASTMH Inclusion/Respect Statement

ASTMH is an international society committed to equity and global impact through the treatment and prevention of tropical infectious diseases. Our diverse membership comes from more than 115 countries and engages with an enormous array of infectious diseases, cultures, ethnicities, and countries. We come from academia, research institutes, implementation programs, industry, multilateral organizations, foundations, and governments, gathering annually to exchange data, share learning, and honor contributions from the field and the lab.

As a Society, we are committed to the open exchange of ideas, freedom of thought and expression, and productive scientific debate that are central to our mission. These require an open and diverse environment that is built on dignity and mutual respect for all members, participants, and staff, free of discrimination based on personal attributes including but not limited to ethnicity, color, national origin, age, religion, socioeconomic status, disability, sexual orientation, gender, and gender identity or expression. We affirm the key principles of inclusion, diversity, and respect for all people. In a world of rich diversity, the advancement of science depends on the intellectual breadth and depth of a diverse ASTMH, one that informs and enriches the shape and content of scientific discourse. These principles guide the actions of ASTMH leaders, members, and staff in advancing the goals of the Society.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Please review the Symposium Organizer roles and responsibilities in Appendix I, on pages 8 and 9.
- Symposium Organizers must attend the Annual Meeting and share pertinent information with their speakers.
- By submitting a symposium proposal, the organizer agrees to these policies on behalf of the symposium participants: Symposium Organizer, Co-Chair and speakers.

FORMAT

- Each symposium is 105 minutes.
- A variety of different formats can be accepted, with the traditional format featuring a brief overview from the Chair, followed by presentations by 4-8 speakers, either with questions to follow or questions held for a panel discussion at the end of the session.
- Important note about alternative formats: ASTMH encourages creativity and flexibility in symposium proposals, as well as proposals that feature alternative formats, such as a moderated debate or an educational discussion about a controversial topic.
 - If your proposal features a format other than a series of talks, explain the structure and rationale using the Alternative Format field in the submission site.
 - If you would like to propose an alternative format and need assistance to submit the session data within the parameters of the submission site, contact Shaima Abdul-Aziz, Project Manager, Scientific Program, at sabdul-aziz@astmh.org.
- Regardless of format, ample time for questions and discussion must be included. Attendee evaluations of symposia consistently reflect this request.

SPEAKERS

- We recommend individuals participate in no more than two symposia as Symposium Organizer, Co-Chair and/or speaker.
- Symposium Organizers and Co-Chairs may also serve as speakers in the symposium.
- The Scientific Program Committee evaluates symposium proposals based on the quality of the symposium content and the proposed speakers. Proposals without specific speaker information are less likely to be accepted.

SUBMISSION CATEGORIES

When submitting, select the most relevant microbial and approach-based areas.

Clinically Focused

Clinical Tropical Medicine, including HIV and Tropical Co-infections
Diarrhea and Bacterial Illness
Respiratory Infections

Globally Focused

Global Health, Planetary Health
One Health: The Interface of Humans, Ecosystems and Animal Health

Intervention Focused

Measures for Control and Elimination of NTDs
Water, Sanitation, Hygiene and Environmental Health

Microbe Focused

Bacteriology
Filaria
Cestodes and Trematodes
Helminths including Schistosomes
Malaria/*Plasmodia*

Kinetoplastida and Other Protozoa

Parasitology

Virology

- *Alphaviruses* (Includes chikungunya)
- *Flaviviridae* – Dengue
- *Flaviviridae* – West Nile
- *Flaviviridae* – Other
- *Viruses* – Other

Vector Focused

Entomology
Ectoparasite-Borne Diseases

SPONSORED SYMPOSIA FOR COMMERCIAL INTERESTS

If you are interested in proposing a symposium that is organized or co-organized by a commercial interest, please consider organizing a Sponsored Symposium. The ACCME term for a commercial interest is an Ineligible Company, which is defined as one whose primary business is producing, marketing, selling, reselling or distributing healthcare products used by or on patients. Sponsored Symposia are held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting. The Sponsored Symposium Proposal Form will be available in late February at astmh.org.

Questions or interest?

Contact ASTMH at info@astmh.org.

Sponsored Symposia held in 2025:

- ▶  Breaking Dengue's Grip: Epidemiology, Immune Responses, and Vaccine Advances
- ▶  Critical Diagnostic Decisions in Tropical Fever: Evolving Approaches with Fast Diagnostics Testing
- ▶  Elimination at Scale: India's Integrated Model to Beat Vector-Borne Diseases, with a Focus on Lymphatic Filariasis and Visceral Leishmaniasis
- ▶  Malaria Eradication in our Lifetime – Don't Stop Believing
- ▶  Outbreaks Without Headlines: Surveillance, Reporting, and Vaccination against Chikungunya
- ▶  Spatial Repellents - A New Frontier in Vector Control
- ▶  Towards Next-Generation Prevention Tools to Combat Malaria: Long-acting Antimalarials and Chemovaccination

SUBMISSION CATEGORIES (CONT.)

We encourage you to select the approach that best complements the session content:

Approach

- Cell biology
- Diagnostics
- Elimination
- Epidemiology
- Field and ecological studies
- Genetics/genomics/evolution
- Immunology
- Mathematical and statistical modeling
- Molecular biology
- Pathogenesis and host responses
- Population surveillance
- Prevention
- Therapeutics and resistance
- Vaccinology
- Other

Symposium Proposals with a Focus on Educational Content

Educational content is increasingly relevant to all disciplines within ASTMH, as well as to those at all career stages. Symposium sessions presented as an instructive/didactic format on specialized topics by field experts are highly valued, e.g., Hot Topics in the Literature, reviews of novel therapeutics and diseases, and public policy content. If the topic of your symposium proposal is focused on educational content rather than scientific research, check the box in the symposium submission site for Educational Content.

Suggested Topics

[Click here](#) to view a list of suggested topics for 2026. These topics are intended to promote diversity in the program and highlight new areas of interest for the Annual Meeting.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Quality of Proposal

- Proposals should have a cohesive theme, clear objectives and a detailed description of content.
- Proposals should include original data and concepts that promote broad debate and synthesis.
- Priority will be given to proposals in which presentations and speakers are identified and described in sufficient detail.

Speaker and Content Diversity

- Priority will be given to proposals with a speaker panel that reflects the Society's diverse membership. Organizers should consider speaker diversity with respect to gender and institution, and country of residence and origin, where applicable, when developing the slate of speakers.
 - All symposia must include at least one female speaker and one male speaker unless specific exception is granted by the Scientific Program Chair. Proposals that do not meet this criterion will not be considered for presentation.
 - The Society highly encourages inclusion of speakers from **LMICs** and endemic country engagement. Proposals that do not include speakers from these countries must provide a rationale.
- Symposia focusing on a single program or institution are discouraged, as are routine updates from groups of investigators who commonly present, regardless of expertise.

Timeliness of Topic

Priority will be given to proposals that focus on emerging concepts and timely topics. If a topic was presented at a recent Annual Meeting, organizers should focus on novel aspects to avoid redundancy and indicate why the proposal provides important follow-up.



2025 President David Fidock



Want to learn tips and helpful practices for organizing a symposium? Watch a video from ASTMH member Miguel Reina Ortiz in [English](#) or [Spanish](#).

SCHEDULING

- The date and time of accepted symposia will be available in mid-September.
- ASTMH cannot guarantee scheduling of a symposium on a specific date or time.
- Symposium speakers should maintain schedule availability throughout the time frame of November 18-22, 2026.

SUBMISSION DETAILS AND LOOKING AHEAD

Submission

When is the submission deadline?

March 4, 2026

How do I log in to submit my symposium?

- The submission site opens the week of February 2. [Click here](#) to access the submission site.
- In order to submit a symposium, you must have an existing ASTMH account.
- Log into your ASTMH account with your ASTMH account username and password.
- If you have an existing ASTMH account, your username will be the email address associated with your ASTMH account.
- If you have an existing account and you need to reset your password, use the link on the login screen. Please note that the process to reset your password can take some time and is not instant, so allow for wait time. [Click here for additional instructions to reset your password](#).
- If you do not have an existing ASTMH account, use the link on the login screen to create an account. [Click here for additional instructions to create a new account](#).
- Once you log into your account, click **My Account** and click **My Profile** to review your account data to ensure your contact information is correct.
- Using the menu on the left side of the screen, click **SUBMIT A SYMPOSIUM**.
- Enter the same username and password that you used to log into your ASTMH account.
- If you experience a problem, clear your browsing history and try again.

NEW FOR 2026: Identify the Symposium Submitter

The symposium submission site will ask you to create a record to identify the name of the Symposium Submitter.

VERY IMPORTANT: The name provided for the Symposium Submitter record should match the name of the person whose account is used to create the symposium proposal.

For example, if the symposium proposal is created under the account of Jane Smith, then the Symposium Submitter record should reflect the information for Jane Smith.

For most proposals, the name on the account used to create the symposium proposal (Symposium Submitter) will be the same name as the Symposium Organizer. However, in some cases, the Symposium Submitter is not the same individual as the Symposium Organizer. This process will capture the contact information for both the Symposium Submitter and Symposium Organizer.

See the Glossary of Terms on page 8 for additional details about the roles of Symposium Submitter and Symposium Organizer.

Please note that payment of the symposium submission fee will be made through the account of the individual identified in the Symposium Submitter record.



How do I access an existing submission? Can I edit my submission?

The person whose account was used to create the symposium can make edits to the proposal. Log in to the submission site using the Symposium Submitter's ASTMH account username and password, click the Symposium Proposals tab and click the symposium title. If you are designated as the Symposium Organizer for a session, but you did not submit the proposal with your account, then you will not be able to edit the proposal. Once you click the Finalize button, you cannot edit your symposium proposal.

Do I have to pay to submit a proposal?

All symposium proposals require payment of an \$95 US nonrefundable processing fee, due by March 4, 2026. After the symposium proposal is submitted, an invoice for the fee of \$95 US will be sent to the email on file for the individual identified in the Symposium Submitter record. Check your spam/junk folder if the invoice does not appear in your email inbox within 24 hours after submission. The Symposium Submitter can also access the invoice via the Symposium Payment tab located at the top of the submission portal.

Can I submit content in the Call for Abstracts?

Speakers should not submit abstracts duplicating the content to be presented in the symposium. Symposium speakers may submit abstracts in response to the Call for Abstracts for any topic not duplicated in the proposed symposium. If a symposium proposal is declined, speakers will be given an opportunity to submit abstracts for the proposed presentations in June when decision letters are distributed.

Acceptance

When will I be notified?

Acceptance notices will be sent to the Designated Point of Contact in mid-June 2026.

If accepted, what are the next steps?

Final acceptance of symposia for presentation at the Annual Meeting is contingent upon completion of speaker disclosure forms and finalization of session information by early July. Symposium Organizers cannot add speakers or substantially alter the symposium content during the finalization process.

Can I edit my symposium information closer to the Annual Meeting?

Symposium information cannot be edited after proposals are finalized in early July. The Pocket Guide will feature the symposium data as it appears in the submission site as of early July. Speaker substitutions made after early July will be updated in the Meeting App approximately two weeks before the Annual Meeting.

If accepted, how will my symposium appear in published Annual Meeting materials?

Annual Meeting program materials will publish data exactly as it is entered in the submission site. Please note: ASTMH reserves the right to make editorial changes for the purpose of clarification and brevity, as well as for adhering to CME guidelines.



Financial Disclosure Information

Why does ASTMH collect financial disclosure information?

As an accredited provider of Continuing Medical Education (CME), in order to comply with the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) guidelines, ASTMH requires all Annual Meeting participants to provide financial disclosures (if any exist) so that meeting attendees are aware of such relationships. Financial disclosure information will be distributed to Annual Meeting attendees.

Do I need to disclose financial relationships now?

Symposium Organizers and Co-Chairs (if applicable) must provide financial disclosures at the time of submission. Speaker disclosure information for accepted symposia must be entered into the submission site by early July. See the Financial Disclosure Form located on page 10 in Appendix II of the Call for Symposia.

Where can I learn more?

Please visit our [website](#) for more information.

SUBMISSION SITE HELPFUL HINTS

- **Internet Browsers.** The following browsers and their latest release are recommended for use: Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge, Safari and Mozilla Firefox.
- **Username and Password.** Use your ASTMH account username and password for the symposium submission site.
- **Email Accuracy.** It is imperative that you provide the correct, preferred email address for all symposium participants. ASTMH staff are unable to follow up with individual symposium participants if emails are returned as undeliverable.
- **Co-Chair Screen.** The submission site features a Co-Chair screen that requires you to identify a session Co-Chair. If your symposium does not feature a Co-Chair, click on People Lookup and under Last Name, search for NotApplicable. Note: Do not insert a space between words. Simply type NotApplicable.
- **Presentation Length.** Precise timeframes for all presentations must be specified since attendees depend on reliable start times for each speaker, as noted in the program materials.
- **Summary Page.** The submission site captures your data as it is entered. Use the Summary page to view your data.
- **Finalize Button.** You must click the Finalize button to officially submit your symposium proposal.

[Submit your symposium proposal here](#)

ASTMH Membership

Join the largest international scientific organization of experts dedicated to reducing the worldwide burden of tropical infectious diseases and improving global health.

Not a member?

We have special membership rates for students, medical residents and fellows, those who are in the early stages of their career and those from LMICs.

[JOIN HERE](#)

APPENDIX I

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

By submitting a symposium proposal, the Symposium Organizer agrees to the following roles and responsibilities.

- **Symposium Organizer Responsibility:**
As the Organizer of this symposium, I agree to the symposium policies on behalf of all participants: Symposium Organizer, Co-Chair and speakers. I affirm that I am responsible for advising the Co-Chair and speakers of all symposium policies.
- **Glossary of Terms:**
 - **Symposium Submitter:** The name provided for the Symposium Submitter record should match the name of the person whose account is used to create the symposium proposal. Payment of the symposium submission fee will be made through the account of the individual identified in the Symposium Submitter record.
 - **Symposium Organizer:** The name provided for the Symposium Organizer record should be the person leading the organization of the session content.
 - **Co-Chair (optional):** The name provided for the Co-Chair record should be the person working with the Symposium Organizer to organize the session content and/or the person who will co-chair the session at the Annual Meeting.
- **Speaker Disclosure Information:**
I understand that speaker disclosure information for accepted symposia will be published and distributed to Annual Meeting attendees.
- **Symposium Organization:**
As an ACCME-accredited provider of Continuing Medical Education (CME), any accepted symposium proposal that features a Symposium Organizer, Co-Chair or speaker who is an employee of or has ownership interest in an ACCME defined ineligible company (commercial interest) will not carry CME credit.
- **Submission Fee for Symposium Proposals by March 4:**
I understand that all symposium proposals require a non-refundable processing fee of \$95 US payable by March 4, 2026.
- **Symposium Organizer Authorizes Permission for Recording of Speaker Presentations:**
By submitting a symposium proposal for the Annual Meeting, if the symposium is accepted for presentation, you as the Symposium Organizer give permission on behalf of the symposium participants for the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, its agents and representatives to either:
 - Audio-record and video-record and produce on-demand Webcasts of your session presentations (for Livestream Sessions)
 - Make the slides for your presentations available upon request to attendees after the Annual Meeting in the form of a PDF file (for Livestream and In-Person-Only Sessions)
 - The format of media distribution will be determined by the session format (Livestream or In-Person-Only) You grant ASTMH a nonexclusive, royalty-free license to distribute those electronic media, and to use the material they contain, including any materials the Symposium Organizer, Co-Chair and speakers choose to provide, for any lawful purpose, including publication in a conference proceedings, event app, sales to members and the general public, and/or distribution via the Internet. You confirm that the symposium speakers understand that they will receive no remuneration for such usage.
- **No Funding Provided for Speakers:**
I understand that there is no funding provided by the Society for symposia. Symposium Organizers, Co-Chairs and speakers are responsible for their own funding to attend the meeting. Symposium Organizers, Co-Chairs and speakers are required to pay the Annual Meeting registration fee. ASTMH members will be eligible for a discount. To encourage wider participation in the Society, each symposium will receive one complimentary Annual Meeting registration to be used by a symposium speaker. This will be determined by the Symposium Organizer. All other nonmember symposium participants must pay the registration fee.
- **Scheduling of Symposium:**
I understand that the symposium presenters must be available to present anytime on November 18-22, 2026. I understand that ASTMH does not accept requests for any re-scheduling. I understand that final schedule assignments will be available in mid-September 2026.
- **Presentation Materials: No Advertising or Trade Names in Slides, Handouts:**
I confirm, as the Organizer, that the symposium speakers understand that any slides, abstracts, and handouts presented during the symposium cannot contain advertising, trade names, product group messages or logos for ACCME-defined ineligible companies (i.e., commercial interests).

- **Assurance of Patient Confidentiality:**

I confirm that the symposium speakers understand that they are responsible for ensuring that any information presented regarding patients of health services be sufficiently edited or modified to ensure the confidentiality of the patients, unless the symposium speakers have obtained specific permission according to applicable ethical standards, laws, and regulations from any patient about whom identifying information is presented.

- **Permission for Use of Name and Likeness:**

On behalf of the symposium speakers, I hereby give ASTMH, its agents and representatives the right to use the names and likenesses of symposium speakers in promotional and other material published in relation to the meeting.

- **Permission for Publication of Material:**

On behalf of my symposium speakers, I agree to grant ASTMH a one-time copyright for publication and reproduction of material that symposium speakers may provide for inclusion in the Pocket Guide, Meeting App and either digital on-demand webcasts (MP4) (for Livestream Sessions) or presentation slides made available upon request to attendees after the Annual Meeting in the form of a PDF file (for Livestream and In-Person-Only Sessions). The copyright consists of any and all rights allowed by the copyright laws of the United States and all foreign countries. I confirm that the symposium speakers understand that the proceedings, including their contributions, will be made available in printed and/or digital form to Annual Meeting attendees, ASTMH members and other interested parties pursuant to policies established by the ASTMH Board of Directors. I confirm that the symposium speakers understand:

- ASTMH will hold the copyright for the proceedings and its contents.
- The copyright of the compilation of materials in the proceedings is not the same as the copyright of an individual item of material included in the proceedings.
- Speakers are encouraged to include copyright notices as appropriate on all the materials that they choose to submit to ASTMH for publication.
- ASTMH takes no responsibility for registering any copyright and advises symposium speakers to take all appropriate steps to do so.
- On behalf of the symposium speakers, I authorize ASTMH to sell or otherwise distribute said proceedings to the membership and general public. In return, I confirm that the symposium speakers understand that ASTMH grants us the right to reprint our contributions in any publication.

- **On behalf of the symposium speakers:**

- The collective contributions contain no matter that is defamatory or is otherwise unlawful or invades individual privacy or infringes on any proprietary right or statutory copyright.
- The contributions are original or that permission has been obtained at our own expense from the copyright holder for publication and will submit documentation showing permission for use to ASTMH at the time of submission of the materials to be distributed.

- **Indemnification Agreement:**

I confirm that my symposium speakers agree to indemnify and hold harmless ASTMH, its agents and its representatives should the material we present or provide for publication be determined to defame, libel, or slander an individual or organization, violate the confidentiality of any individual or organization, or infringe on another's copyright.

APPENDIX II

American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION SPEAKER FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE FORM ◀ REQUIRED FOR ALL SPEAKERS

Attention Symposium Organizers:

Please share this disclosure form with all speakers. While the completed forms are not required for the March 4, 2026 deadline, all accepted symposia will require completed disclosure forms from each speaker.

Speaker disclosure information for accepted symposia will be published and distributed to Annual Meeting attendees

1. FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

As a sponsor accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), ASTMH must ensure balance, independence, objectivity and scientific rigor in all its individually sponsored or jointly-sponsored educational activities. ACCME requires ASTMH to document that anyone in a position to control the content of an educational activity has disclosed all financial relationships with an ACCME-defined ineligible company. ASTMH must then mitigate relevant financial relationships so as not to affect the content of the presentation.

Please indicate below if you have received, or anticipate receiving, any money, stock or other financial benefit from any ACCME-defined ineligible company (see definition below) between January 1, 2024 and November 22, 2026.

2. DEFINITIONS OF INELIGIBLE COMPANY AND FINANCIAL RELATIONSHIPS

Ineligible Company

The ACCME defines an ineligible company as one whose primary business is producing, marketing, selling, re-selling or distributing healthcare products used by or on patients.

Financial Relationships

Financial relationships are those relationships in which the individual benefits by receiving a salary, royalty, intellectual property rights, consulting fee, honoraria, ownership interest or other financial benefit. Individual stocks should be disclosed, diversified mutual funds do not need to be disclosed. Financial benefits are usually associated with roles such as an employee, researcher, independent contractor (including contracted research), consulting, speaking and teaching, membership on advisory committees or review panels, board membership and other activities from which remuneration is received or expected.

3. FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Check a) or b):

- a) I do not have a financial relationship with any ACCME-defined ineligible companies.
- b) I have a financial relationship with one or more ACCME-defined ineligible companies. (Indicate the name of the ineligible company for any of the following that apply.)

Salary: _____

Grant/Research Support: _____

Consultant: _____

Owner (Ownership Interest): _____

Stockholder: _____

Speakers Bureau: _____

Other Financial/Materiel Interest: _____

4. MITIGATION OF FINANCIAL RELATIONSHIPS

If you have a financial relationship with an ineligible company, please indicate the mitigation strategy you will use (check one):

- a) The financial relationship does not affect the content of my presentation because the content is not related to the products of the ineligible company.
- b) Limit the content to a report without recommendations. If an individual has been funded by an ineligible company to perform research, the individual's presentation may be limited to the data and results of the research. Someone else can be assigned to address broader implications and recommendations.
- c) Limit the sources for recommendations. Rather than having a person with a financial relationship present personal recommendations or personally select the evidence to be presented, limit the role of the person to reporting recommendations based on formal structured reviews of the literature with the inclusion and exclusion criteria stated (evidence-based). For example, the individual could present summaries from the systematic reviews of the Cochrane Collaboration.

5. DIRECT PAYMENT FROM AN INELIGIBLE COMPANY

By signing this disclosure form, I confirm that I am not receiving direct payments from an ACCME-defined ineligible company with respect to this activity.

6. CONTENT VALIDATION

I confirm that all the recommendations for patient care in this symposium are based on current science, evidence and clinical reasoning, while giving a fair and balanced view of diagnostic and therapeutic options. All scientific research referred to, reported or used in this symposium in support or justification of a patient care recommendation conforms to the generally accepted standards of experimental design, data collection, analysis and interpretation. I acknowledge that when discussing unlabeled or investigational uses of a commercial product, these uses must be identified as unlabeled; that the use of generic names of products contributes to impartiality; and that if trade names are used, those of several companies should be used.

7. VERIFICATION

I verify that the information given above is accurate.

Speaker Name: _____

Date: _____

Session Title: _____