

## What Is A Conflict of Interest?

A conflict of interest can occur when you (or your organisation/employer) have a financial, legal, professional or commercial relationship with other people/organizations, that could influence your research participation. **This is not to exclude you** and rather is a part of the transparency that must be present in modern research, to inform others of potential influences encountered.

Competing interests which may affect your views and participation include:

- Any relevant financial support from a third party, e.g. from grants.
- Any relevant non-financial support from a third party.
- Any relevant relationships with entities (e.g. industry, foundations, etc.) perceived to have a financial stake in the outcome of this research project.
- Any relevant relationships with entities in the bio-medical arena, in the field of DCM or otherwise.
- Any intellectual property (e.g. patents, royalties and copyright - both current and pending) that you hold relevant to the area of the study.
- Any other activities that could be perceived to influence or give the appearance of potentially influencing your participation in this project.

We ask that you disclose any such conflicts which are **current** and/or **within 2 years** of participation in our study.

## Definitions

*3<sup>rd</sup> party or Entity:* Government agency, charitable foundations, commercial sponsor, industry, academic institution, grants, etc.

*Non-Financial Support:* Examples include drugs/equipment supplied by the entity, travel paid by the entity, etc.

*Relevant relationships:* Consultancies, employment, advocacy groups, fees and honoraria, stock or share ownership, etc.

## Where Can I Declare Any Potential Conflicts of Interest?

Conflicts can be declared in the dedicated section of our **Study Registration Form**. If we would like any necessary further information, we will contact you via email. If at any point you have any questions or would like to disclose anything further, please contact us at [admin@recode-dcm.com](mailto:admin@recode-dcm.com).

<sup>1</sup> Form adapted from the widely accepted International Committee of Medical Journal Editors Conflict of Interest form. Available online at: <http://www.icmje.org/conflicts-of-interest/>