

Declaration of interest

Accompanying the Code for the prevention of improper influence due to conflicts of interest

The Code for the prevention of improper influence due to conflicts of interest requires that all prospective parties involved in preparing scientific advisory reports and health care guidelines in the Netherlands fill in, sign and return the enclosed declaration.

The declaration contains questions relating to your current position and ancillary positions as well as any direct and indirect interests that could lead to improper influence. Any semblance of a conflict of interest will also be taken into account in the assessment, as it may compromise the authority of the recommendation or the guideline as well as your own reputation. If you are unsure whether to report a certain affiliation, you should consider how this would appear to the general public. A more detailed explanation is provided in the Code.

Please answer all questions. If the information requested does not apply to you, please state this. If there is insufficient space in the text fields, please use the space available on page 7.

The form will be assessed and subsequently made public.

Applicant's personal details

Committee

Member's name

Principal position(s)

Please state the job title and the employer, and if you hold several positions, please state the scope of each position.

Ancillary positions

Please briefly describe the activities involved in each position, and state whether they are remunerated or not.

Personal financial interests

This relates to whether you will derive financial gain from (specific outcomes arising from) the recommendation or the guideline.

Examples:

- *Employed by a company that operates in the field to which the recommendation/guideline relates.*
- *Paid consultancy services in the business sector or for an interest group.*
- *Direct financial interests in a company (shares or stock options).*
- *Ownership of a product patent.*

Personal relationships

Are there people close to you who could benefit from specific outcomes arising from the recommendation? Examples are relatives once removed, partners, friends or close colleagues.

Externally funded research

This relates to participation in research funded by semi-government/ governmental organisations, funds or industry, where the financier may have an interest in (specific outcomes arising from) the recommendation or guideline.

Interests pertaining to intellectual property and reputation

This situation may arise if you stand to benefit from (specific outcomes arising from) the recommendation or the guideline without such benefit being of a financial nature. This includes advantages derived from intellectual property or recognition, for instance.

Examples:

- *Increased recognition for intellectual property due to the committee's work.*
- *Safeguards to your own reputation/position, the position of the employer or other interest organisations, or acquisition of recognition.*
- *Unique, specialist expertise on the areas and sub-areas covered by the recommendation/guideline, offering the potential for 'commodification'. This may concern a medical product, procedure or intervention, as well as a new theoretical concept or model or a new organisational or logistical approach.*
- *Figurehead for a patient organisation or professional association.*

Other interests

Do you or those around you have any other interests that could be a source of potential embarrassment to you, your environment or the organisation if made public?

I, the undersigned

- I. declare that I have read the Code for the prevention of improper influence due to conflicts of interest;
- II. declare that I have listed all relevant relationships and interests in good faith;
- III. declare that I will immediately report any interim changes in the interests reported.

Signature of prospective committee member



Date

Decision (to be completed by the requesting organisation)

Member's name

Committee

There are no circumstances precluding participation in the committee.

Participation in the committee is permitted subject to the condition that the expert will not participate in deliberations concerning the examination of and decision-making on:

Participation in the committee is permitted subject to another condition, i.e.:

Although participation in the committee cannot be permitted, the expert may provide the committee with the required expertise by means of a hearing procedure conducted for the purpose of examining and decision-making on the dossier.

Participation in the committee cannot be permitted due to an excessive potential risk of improper influence.

Name

Position

Date

Initials

Explanation (optional)

More detailed explanation of relationships and interests (optional):