# Moderator Tips

1. Be responsible for ensuring the program content is fair and balanced, based on science, is evidence based, and free of bias.

2. Be prepared to discuss with faculty and participants disclosure, bias and commercialism, if necessary.

3. Be responsible for ensuring the content is balanced and that any emerging or new content, not supported by science, is identified appropriately for participants. It is important to the Academy's CME accreditation.

4. At the podium, each faculty member is required to report their disclosures at the beginning of the presentation. Faculty must display either one of following two disclosure visuals:



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5. Relevance is not a factor in disclosure. All relevant financial relationships must be mitigated. All decisions about topics and speakers for CME activities are made by those members that have no relevant financial relationships (i.e., no financial relationships related to the content of the CME activities). All content for CME activities is reviewed and approved by a planning committee member(s) that does not have any relevant financial relationships before they are implemented.

6. Know bias and commercialism when it occurs. **Bias** occurs when a presentation is unfairly slanted toward one particular procedure or device in a way that is inconsistent with reported literature. **Commercialism** is usually overt and occurs when a faculty member makes comments about a particular company's product.

7. Please make a point to the audience that multiple devices or products are available for orthopaedic surgeons to consider.

8. Bias and commercialism are not just faculty issues - each time a course participant asks a question or makes a comment, you, as Moderator, are to be vigilant to the possibility that the participant needs to disclose conflicts or that any comments require balanced bias.

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