

ANNEX 2: Rules for the review of DOIs

I. Review for Members serving the ESC in key positions of leadership

A Member who serves the Society in executive leadership positions is automatically subject to a comprehensive review of his/her DOI, as follows:

1. Candidates for elected positions of the Board, whose DOI will be reviewed by the Nominating Committee.
2. Ex-Officio members of the Board, whose DOI will be reviewed by the Management Group (those members in an Advisor's role will be excused).
3. Chair of the Ethics & Oversight Committee, whose DOI will be reviewed by the Management Group (those members in an Advisory role will be excused).
4. Chair of the Audit Committee, whose DOI will be published on ESC website.

II. Review for Members participating in ESC expert writing committees or scientific task forces

When a Board Committee Member, a DOI review is automatically triggered. The reviews will be performed according to the Hierarchical Flow Chart in the ESC online system, e.g. the "Declaration of Interest - Platform".

Considering the sensitivities and importance of the specific positions of Guidelines Task Force Chair(s), the following criteria will be used to assess the existence of a potential conflict of interest, when reviewing his/her DOI Form - Chapter: Financial Declaration

1. Direct Personal Payments - Section A, which are Euro 10,000 or more per annum in aggregate
2. Payments to your Department or Institutions (Section B, C, D and E) which are considered to have a modest /substantial impact on a member's remuneration.

Furthermore, the incumbent(s) for the appointment as Co-Chair(s) of a Guidelines TF are required to abstain from "Direct Relationship" with the health care industry from appointment to publication, plus, another 2 years during which the guidelines are normally discussed and implemented.

For similar sensitivities the Chair of the CPG is required to abstain from "Direct Relationship" with the Health Care industry during his/her term in office.

III. Random spot-checks

Every year, there will be a spot check of a small number of randomly chosen DOIs, among all the filed ones, performed by an outside organization by comparing them with published sources.