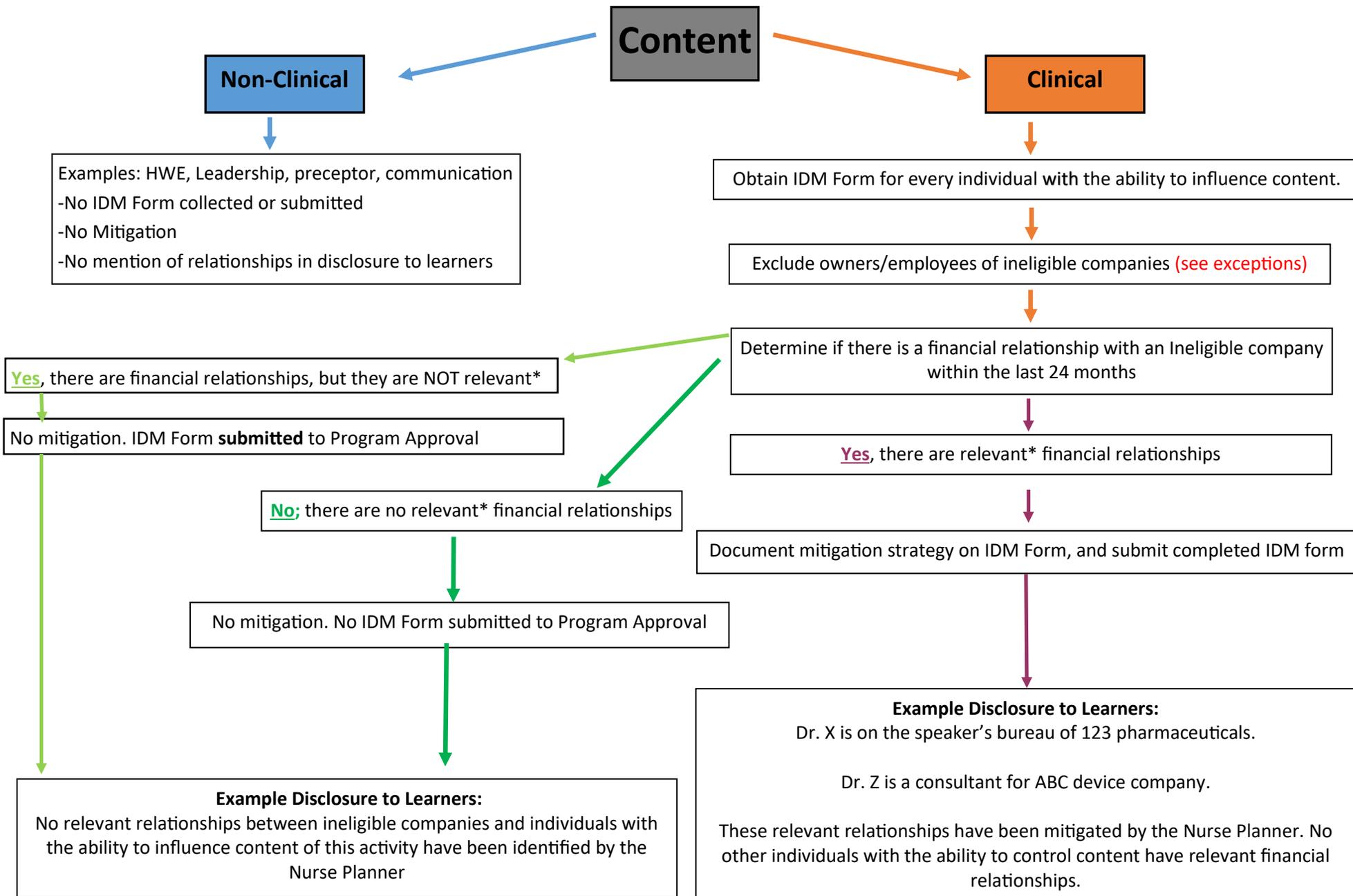


The American Association of Critical-Care Nurses

Financial Relationships with Ineligible Companies; Identification, Mitigation and Disclosure



Ineligible company: An entity whose primary business is producing, marketing, selling, re-selling, or distributing healthcare products used by or on patients. (Examples include, but are not limited to: pharmaceutical companies, device manufacturers) [Click here for more information.](#)

***Financial relationships are relevant if the following three conditions are met**

- A financial relationship, in any amount, exists between the person who can influence clinical content and an ineligible company
- The financial relationship existed during the past 24 months
- The content of the education is related to the products of an ineligible company with whom the person has a financial relationship
 - *related to the products* can also be related to the condition that the product is designed for (i.e. lecture on electrophysiology and a relationship with the pacemaker manufacturer.)

Exclude owners/employees of ineligible companies from participating as planners/speakers unless one of the three exceptions apply:

- When the content of the activity is not related to the business lines or products of their employer/company (or as above the condition the product treats)
 - When the content of the activity is limited to basic science research, such as pre-clinical research and drug discovery, or the methodologies of research, and they do not make care recommendations
 - When they are participating as technicians to teach the safe and proper use of medical devices, and do not recommend whether or when a device is used
- Note: Even though these exceptions exist – their financial relationship must still be disclosed to learners*

Note on submitted IDM Forms for financial relationships with ineligible companies that the Nurse Planner determines are NOT relevant: Due to the frequency that AACN Chapters change Nurse Planners, AACN Program Approval reviews all relationships for relevancy. This is done in partnership with the Nurse Planner and is only done for the protection of applicants.

Resources:

[ACCME Standards for Integrity and Independence in Accredited Continuing Education](#)

[AACN Program Approval Policy](#)

[AACN Individual Disclosure and Mitigation \(IDM\) Form](#)

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