CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (COI)

Series Catalog

CITI Program’s COI series consists of a basic course and a refresher course, which both contain modules that discuss the U.S. Public Health Service (PHS) regulations on financial conflicts of interest and an investigator’s responsibilities relating to the disclosure of “Significant Financial Interests.”

This catalog provides a listing, description, continuing education (CE) eligibility, and language availability for each module within the COI series, as well as information on how to access the series.

Subscription Information

The COI series is available to subscribing organizations as part of the base subscription fee. Independent Learner registration is available for $110 USD/course. For more information on subscriptions, click here.

In order to meet the needs of subscribing organizations, the CITI Program can assist administrators in creating courses that best meet their organizational needs, including combining modules from across the CITI Program. To discuss course recommendations that combine modules from different CITI Program offerings, please contact the CITI Program Help Desk at support@citiprogram.org or (888) 529-5929.
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Basic Course

The COI Basic course is designed to help learners satisfy training requirements associated with the U.S. Public Health Service (PHS) regulations on financial conflicts of interest. For recommendations on how to use the COI series, see the Using CITI Program Content: Conflicts of Interest (COI) document.

COI Basic

The COI Basic course is intended to provide learners with a review of the U.S. PHS regulations on financial conflicts of interest and an investigator’s responsibilities relating to the disclosure of “Significant Financial Interests.” It also contains the optional feature of allowing an organization to create a customized module that details its own internal conflict of interest policies. An organization may also choose to include a module on conflicts of commitment and conscience, and a module on institutional conflicts of interest.

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Financial Conflicts of Interest: Overview, Investigator Responsibilities, and COI Rules

This module provides an overview of the U.S. PHS regulations on financial conflicts of interest. It includes a discussion of an investigator’s responsibilities relating to the disclosure of “Significant Financial Interests.”

Institutional Responsibilities as They Affect Investigators

This module provides an overview of the responsibilities that institutions have regarding the PHS regulations on financial conflicts of interest. It includes a discussion of the expectations that institutions have as they review and evaluate the “Significant Financial Interest” reports of their investigators.
Organization-Specific Policies
(Basic Level)
This module provides an organization with the opportunity to create a customized module that details its own internal COI policies.

Conflicts of Commitment and Conscience
This module provides an overview of conflicts of commitment, conflicts of conscience, and other types of non-financial conflicts of interest. This module seeks to identify strategies that may help to address these types of conflicts.

Institutional Conflicts of Interest
This module describes various forms of ICOI, core components of an ICOI policy, governance models for ICOI identification, review, and management, as well as approaches for managing ICOI. This module is primarily designed for administrators.
Refresher Course

The COI Refresher course is intended to provide retraining for a learner who has already completed a basic COI course. The COI Refresher course can help expand a learner’s knowledge about topics that were presented in the basic level modules. For recommendations on how to use the COI series, see the Using CITI Program Content: Conflicts of Interest (COI) document.

COI Refresher

The COI Refresher course provides learners with retraining on key concepts and rules relating to the U.S. Public Health Services (PHS) regulations on financial conflicts of interest. The course is primarily tailored to investigators who receive funding from a PHS agency or who are required by their organization to be familiar with the PHS regulations.

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Conflicts of Interest and the PHS Regulations

This module provides a general understanding of conflicts of interest and how they can arise. Its aim is also to provide background on the U.S. Public Health Service (PHS) regulations on financial conflicts of interest.

Significant Financial Interests

This module reviews what significant financial interests are and when an investigator must disclose them to an institution in accordance with the PHS regulations.

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Institutional Obligations as They Affect Investigators

This module addresses an institution’s responsibilities in recognizing a financial conflict of interest that relates to the research being conducted by its investigators and in ensuring that elimination or management of such conflicts is accomplished prior to the initiation of the research.

COI Management Plans and Noncompliance

This module describes how institutions should manage a financial conflict of interest relating to a PHS funded project and how it should address cases of noncompliance with the PHS regulations.

Organization-Specific Module (Refresher Level)

This module gives an organization the opportunity to provide its learners with retraining on its own internal conflict of interest policies.