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“Current Topics in Cancer Genetics for the Breast Surgeon: Post-testing Concerns 2025” Webinar

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- c. 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.

To assist all CME planners and contributors in identifying relevant relationships, ASBrS staff provides a sample list of typical relevant relationships and possible methods for mitigation –as well as examples of non-compliant actions. However, this list is not an exhaustive list of all scenarios. Participants are required to disclose all possible competing interests, both financial and non-financial, that could interfere with, or could reasonably be perceived as interfering with, their ability to provide objective and valuable contributions to the ASBrS CME activity. All identified relevant relationships are mitigated prior to the education activity being delivered to learners per ACCME Standards for Integrity and Independence in Accredited Continuing Education. The inability to mitigate an identified relevant relationship results in the participant's withdrawal from participation in the CME activity. A list of disclosures from all CME planners and contributors, as well as all potential and actual mitigation methods (including any instances of non-compliance), are documented and maintained by ASBrS staff. This list is made available to all CME activity planners.

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The following individuals and groups have been involved in the planning, review, implementation, approval, evaluation, and/or oversight of this activity. All disclosed relationships are within the 24 months prior to their involvement with the CME activity. All relevant disclosed relationships have been mitigated by a CME Committee Official.

Webinar Faculty

The following faculty have no relevant disclosures:

- Cory Donovan, MD (Planner, Speaker)
- Robert Maganini, MD (Speaker)
- Linda Smith, MD (Speaker)
- Ashley Stuckey, MD (Speaker)

The following faculty members have disclosed the following relevant relationships:

- Kevin Hughes, MD (Speaker)
 - *Aptitude Health; Consultant*
 - *AstraZeneca; Speaker*
 - *Hologic; Consultant*
 - *Volpara Health, Inc.; Travel Expenses; Consultant*

Peer review of presentation was performed by the CME committee. Presentation is free of commercial bias and does not promote commercial material.

Activity Planners – Genetics Committee Chairs

The following planners have no relevant disclosures:

- Cory Donovan, MD - Vice-Chair (Planner, Speaker)
- Jennifer Plichta, MD – Chair (Planner, Speaker)

Program Approver

The following approver has relevant disclosures. *Dr. Boughey recused herself from discussions and decisions where a conflict of interest could occur.*

- Judy Boughey, MD (President, Board of Directors)
 - Lily; Research Support; Study PI

Reviewers, Regulatory - CME Committee Chairs

The following committee members have no relevant disclosures:

- Jillian Lloyd, MD (Vice-Chair)
- Sarah McLaughlin, MD (Chair)

Oversight - Ethics Committee

The following committee members have no relevant disclosures:

- Katherina Zabicki Calvillo MD
- Cindy Matsen, MD (Vice-Chair)
- Puneet Singh, MD
- Stephanie Serres, MD
- Jennifer Fieber, MD

The following Ethics committee members have relevant disclosures. ***All committee members recused themselves from discussions, decisions and oversight where a conflict of interest could occur.***

- Jennifer Tseng, MD
 - Intuitive Surgical; Site PI on multicenter clinical trial
- Tina Hieken, MD (Chair)
 - Genentech; Research Funding (Institution)
 - SkylineDX BV; Research Funding (Institution)
- Lisa Allen, MD
 - Elucent; Consulting Fee

ASBrS Staff

The following staff have no relevant disclosures:

- Erica J. Holland, Executive Director
- Maribeth Girard, MD, Genetics Staff Liaison
- Tekoah White, Education Manager