

Potential Conflicts of Interest

A conflict of interest occurs when research may be influenced by an investigator's secondary connections or interests (Romain, 2015). Secondary interests may create a conscious or unconscious bias on the part of the investigator.

A conflict of interest can take many forms. Conflicts of interest may be financial or non-financial.

Potential career advancement is one example of a non-financial conflict of interest.

Some potential conflicts of interest include, but are not limited to:

- Investigator involved with project has a financial stake in the research. Financial stake could be potential monetary gain or loss.
- Investigator involved with project is also a member of the CPCC and responsible for reviewing the research application.
- Investigator involved with project is married to or otherwise related to CPCC member responsible for reviewing the research application.
- A CPCC member responsible for reviewing the research application is in a position of authority with applicant. For example, the CPCC member has the applicant as a student.

Romain, P. L. (2015). Conflicts of interest in research: looking out for number one means keeping the primary interest front and center. *Curr Rev Musculoskelet Med*, 8(2), 122-127.