

**Competing Interest  
Policy of the  
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## CHEP potential conflict of interest (PCOI)/ competing interest policy

- The purpose of the Potential Conflicts of Interest / Competing Interest policy is to ensure that the deliberations and recommendations of CHEP are made in the interests of improving management of hypertension and hypertension-related disease in Canada



## Potential Conflict of interest (PCOI)/ competing interest policy

- **To reduce potential conflicts of interest CHEP takes the following steps**
  - CHEP receives equal amounts of operating funds from major pharmaceutical companies and obtains significant funding from government and independent granting organizations.
  - CHEP has an overseeing steering committee with representatives from scientific, professional, government and non profit organizations.
  - A rigid systematic approach with rules for obtaining evidence and assessing evidence is used in developing the recommendations by the 45 volunteer members of the Recommendations Task Force (RTF).
  - All members of the RTF itemize their potential conflicts of interest in writing and these are distributed at the beginning of the annual RTF consensus meeting.
  - A sub committee of the RTF consisting of experts in evidence based medicine review all the evidence and recommendations and the presenters at the annual RTF consensus conference. The experts on this committee explicitly do not have conflicts of interest.
  - Recommendations that are voted against by 30% of the RTF and CHEP executive are removed. Persons with conflicts of interest are asked to refrain from voting in areas where the PCOI exists.

