ASDIN Policy on Endorsement of Educational Materials

The American Society of Diagnostic and Interventional Nephrology (ASDIN) values the exchange of science and providing education in various delivery methods and, therefore, would be pleased to consider endorsing materials of high scientific and educational quality content that would benefit the dialysis access and related scientific communities.

It is within this context that any society, group, member and individual working in the dialysis access field could apply to ASDIN for the endorsement of relevant educational materials.

Educational Materials may be offered in a variety of media and length, of any size, but must address topics of relevance to dialysis access and fulfill the highest scientific and educational standards.

ASDIN reserves the right to decline any endorsement request without any statement of reason.

The benefits of ASDIN endorsement are listed below. Of note, ASDIN endorsement does not include any financial support for the proposed materials.

Procedure

To obtain ASDIN endorsement for any educational materials, a request must first be submitted to, and then approved formally in writing, by the ASDIN Education Committee.

The ASDIN Education Committee review will include a review task force of Education Committee members, appointed by the Education Committee chair(s). The Education Committee task force will have a minimum of thirty (30) working days following appointment to review the material and make a recommendation to the full Education Committee.

If the ASDIN Education Committee recommends endorsement, then the recommendation will be referred to the ASDIN Council for final approval.

Responses to the request may include:
1. Endorsement of materials
2. Request for edits to materials and resubmission for endorsement after requested edits are made
3. Rejection of request
Requirements of the Endorsement Application:

To apply for ASDIN endorsement, the following information or materials should be provided:
1. Title of the educational material
2. Publication format and description of media/planned distribution of material
3. Names of the primary author and all co-authors with their credentials and professional affiliations
4. Executive summary of the material topics
5. Objectives and topic outlines

Endorsement and Support

Organizers of educational materials may derive several different benefits from endorsement (individually or combined) from ASDIN:
   a) Official endorsement of the material (provision of ASDIN name and logo)
   b) Assistance in announcing the material:
      ➢ On the ASDIN website
      ➢ To ASDIN members via email
      ➢ By distributing information materials at ASDIN meetings
      ➢ By ASDIN social media channels

Please be advised that:

1) Due to privacy laws, the official ASDIN policy is not to provide mailing details of ASDIN members to third parties, including not-for-profit entities.
2) If requested, ASDIN, at its sole discretion, may execute a mailing (postal) to its members, if approved by the Executive Committee. Direct mailing costs plus handling fees would be the responsibility of the individual or group requesting endorsement and distribution.
3) If requested, ASDIN, at its sole discretion, may execute an email notification to its members, if approved by the Executive Committee. An email distribution fee would have to be paid.
4) Please note that it is ASDIN’s policy not to provide any cash support/grants or financial guarantees for educational materials that are not originated by ASDIN.

Benefits requested by ASDIN

ASDIN would request authors of endorsed materials to cooperate in the following ways (many of these would require minimum effort and would likely attract additional interest in the educational material):

i. Offer reduced or complimentary fees to access materials for members of ASDIN, if applicable. Complimentary access for members is preferable.
ii. Feature the name and logo of ASDIN appropriately on all educational materials, i.e. publications and promotions (please provide ASDIN with copies of all relevant official publications).

iii. Provide, for a period of three years, citations of all publications, distribution channels and other endorsements related to the endorsed educational material, to be reported to the ASDIN Education Committee Chair on an annual basis.

The above guidelines should provide a basis for seeking endorsement from ASDIN for all types of educational materials. Other specific provisions may be determined through written communications in connection with the endorsement request.

**ASDIN's name and logo may only be used if a formal, written endorsement has been received from the ASDIN Education Committee Chair, following ASDIN Council approval, which may take place through email vote.**

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