



## INTERNATIONAL TRAUMA LIFE SUPPORT

### CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT

#### Preamble

There exists between the Board of Directors and members of International Trauma Life Support (ITLS) a fiduciary relationship which carries with it a strict and unbending duty of loyalty. Board members are responsible for administering affairs honestly and economically, exercising their best care, skill, and judgment for the sole benefit of ITLS. The giving of this service, because of the varied interests and backgrounds of the Board members, may result in situations involving a dual interest that might be interpreted as conflict of interest. However, this service should not be rendered impossible solely by reason of possible conflict of interest.

#### Policy

The Board of Directors shall ensure that each director, officer, committee members and chairs, nominees for election to the Board and employee of ITLS shall file a certificate with the Board Chair and the Executive Director within thirty (30) days of initiation of service disclosing any relationships which might be or give the appearance of conflict of interest. The form must be refilled annually.

Potential conflicting interests exist between ITLS and any organization or firm with which ITLS does business, and between ITLS and any organizations or firms providing services similar to those services offered by ITLS to its chapters, individual members, non-members, and other organizations and firms. While it is impossible to list every circumstance giving to a possible conflict of interest, the disclosure certificate provides a guide to the types of activity which may cause conflicts and which should be fully disclosed.

#### Determination of Conflicts

The Board Chair and Executive Director will provide disclosure certificates to the Board of Directors within thirty (30) days of initiation of service. The Board of Directors shall make a determination with respect to real or potential conflicts of interest in order to prevent conflicts that could operate to the detriment of ITLS.

If the Board of Directors determines that a conflict exists, the individual with the conflicting interest may not participate in the discussion except to answer questions of specific fact. If the conflicting interest is identified in a voting member, the member may not vote on such a matter. The vote of the member with the conflicting interest will be duly recorded as abstained.

Potential Board members and officers will be advised of the policy upon nomination or appointment. Potential employees will be advised of the policy during the interview process. This policy will be reviewed bi-annually by the Board of Directors at the first Board meeting following the Annual Meeting of the International conference.



## CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE

Pursuant to the Conflict of Interest Statement, requiring disclosure of certain interests (a copy of which has been furnished to me), I hereby declare that I and/or members of my immediate family have the following affiliations and/or interests which may contribute to a conflict of interest. Full disclosure of doubtful situations has been provided so as to permit an impartial and objective determination. (Use additional pages if needed.)

1. Describe any position of a material financial interest in any outside concern from which ITLS secures services or goods (legal counsel, advertising representation, publishing, etc.) or which provides services competitive with ITLS (educational programs, publications, etc.):

**None**

2. Describe any services of a consultative, managerial or directive nature provided to any outside concern which does business with or provides services competitive with ITLS:

**None**

3. Describe any gifts, entertainment, or other favors received from any outside concern which does, or is seeking to do, business with ITLS or is a competitor of ITLS:

**None**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'P. Rishipathak', written over a horizontal line.

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