

**THE WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA HOSPITAL
DEPARTMENT OF CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION**

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Name of Organization

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Consultant _____

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No relevant financial relationship with any commercial interest.

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