Declaration of Compliance with the World Health Organization (WHO) International Code of Marketing of Breast-milk Substitutes

The International Board of Lactation Consultant Examiners® (IBLCE®) is committed to the aims of the World Health Organization (WHO) International Code of Marketing of Breast-milk Substitutes and WHA subsequent resolutions. All funded and unfunded research conducted under the auspices of IBLCE therefore needs to be compliant given IBLCE’s vision and to protect and maintain the reputation and integrity of IBLCE. Please carefully note that this compliance extends to all members of the research teams involved in conducting the research.

Title of Research: _____________________________________________________________

Principal Investigator: _________________________________________________________

Research Team members and organisation/Institution:

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1 https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9241541601
On behalf of myself as an individual team member participating in the IBLCE Research Programme, I specifically declare and agree to the following terms of the IBLCE Research Programme:

1) Each member of the research team is compliant with the aims of the aforementioned WHO International Code of Marketing of Breast-milk Substitutes and WHA subsequent resolutions and has been compliant for the past five (5) years. Additionally, IBLCE expects that every applicant provides full disclosure of any involvement with an organization or entity that is not in compliance with their obligations pursuant to the World Health Organization Code of Marketing of Breast-milk Substitutes and subsequent World Health Assembly resolutions.

2) Each member of the research team, if selected to participate in the IBLCE Research Programme, will remain fully compliant with the aims of the aforementioned WHO International Code of Marketing of Breast-milk Substitutes and WHA subsequent resolutions during the entirety of any participation in the IBLCE Research Programme and for a period of two (2) years following the completion of the Research programme. If a research team has been found to have violated the WHO Code during their research agreement with IBLCE, IBLCE reserves the right to withdraw funding, or deem the researcher(s) ineligible for future funding or, on a case-by-case basis, IBLCE may require that a researcher be removed for the research to continue.

3) Selected research team(s), and all individuals a part of the team, agree to alert IBLCE of any changes to their team of researchers in advance of such change and will provide the appropriate declarations so that IBLCE may vet any such change.

4) More specifically, each member of the research team, has not during the past five (5) years, and will not, if selected, during the entirety of any participation in the IBLCE Research Programme and for a period of two (2) years following the completion of the Research Programme:
   • Accept any funding from any violators of the aforementioned WHO Code of Marketing of Breast-milk Substitutes and WHA subsequent resolutions in any capacity inclusive of research activity, speaking or any other professional practice;
   • Have currently, or enter into, any professional relationship or engagement with, any violators of the aforementioned WHO Code of Marketing of Breast-milk Substitutes and WHA subsequent resolutions;
   • Have, or enter into, any financial association or arrangement with any violators of the aforementioned WHO Code of Marketing of Breast-milk Substitutes and WHA subsequent resolutions.

Signature of Principal Investigator: ______________________________________
Date: ______________________________________

Please also include a complete and accurate list, for each member of the research team, of all funding sources, collaborations and affiliations, and volunteer service from the past five (5) years, and, if applicable, any history of funding from an organization or entity that is not in compliance with their obligations pursuant to the World Health Organization Code of Marketing of Breast-milk Substitutes and subsequent World Health Assembly resolutions. (Please add rows as needed.)