Education Committee Policy

Purpose
The Education Committee is responsible for the development of educational products for physicians and breastfeeding professionals. Using ABM-approved procedures (below), the committee identifies relevant clinical topics, recruits expert authors, and facilitates peer, international, and board review processes that are integral to protocol development. It also oversees the formal translation of protocols into languages other than English.

Composition
Twenty-two core members will be selected proportionate to geographical location.

Chair: Appointed by the President and confirmed by the board. Committee Chair will serve two consecutive years – year one as Chair-elect and year two as Chair.

Chair Responsibilities
1. Confers with the Education Manager in the planning and execution of products.
2. Leads the committee in its planning and review of new and revised products.
3. Submits annual reports to the Board of Directors.
4. Collaborates with the Education Manager to set a meetings schedule and communicate it to the volunteers.

Member term: Two years with rotation so that the committee does not turn over completely in any one year. Members are eligible to serve a second term, with no member serving more than four consecutive years. The goal is to provide flexibility for the volunteers, and to provide annual opportunities for new volunteers to rotate onto the committee while maintaining continuity. If a member misses two meetings in a row, that committee member may be terminated from the committee at the chair’s discretion.

Members’ Responsibilities
1. Attend meetings and participate in conference calls; suggest topics for product development.
2. Develop, review, and comment on working protocols as assigned.