

## **Association of Reproductive Health Professionals (ARHP) Commercial Support Policy**

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ARHP will ensure, to the extent reasonably possible, that there is a meaningful disclosure of limitations on data; for example, ongoing research, interim analyses, preliminary data, or unsupported opinion.

ARHP will ensure, to the extent reasonably possible, that there are meaningful opportunities for questioning or scientific debate.

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*Approved by the ARHP Board of Directors, December 11, 2004.*