

**CONEMAUGH MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER
GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION POLICY**

VENDORS

Purpose

To establish guidelines for interactions with industry representatives for residents/fellows in Conemaugh Memorial Medical Center (CMMC) Graduate Medical Education training programs.

Applies To

All Conemaugh Memorial Medical Center Graduate Medical Education training programs.

Policy

Interactions with industry occur in a variety of contexts, including marketing of new pharmaceutical products, medical devices, research equipment and on-site training of newly purchased devices. Although many aspects of these interactions are positive and important for promoting the educational, clinical, and research missions of the hospital, these interactions must be ethical and cannot create conflicts of interest that could endanger patient safety, data integrity, and the integrity of CMMC residency/fellowship education programs. Any interaction with industry and its vendors should be conducted so as to avoid conflicts of interest.

Procedure

- A. Physicians, residents and fellows should not accept compensation or gifts of any substantial value from industry vendors.
- B. Textbooks, modest meals, and other gifts are appropriate only if they serve an educational function.
- C. Residents/fellows may not accept gifts or compensation for prescribing or changing a patient's prescription.
- D. Residents/fellows must consciously separate clinical care decisions from any perceived or actual benefits expected from any company.
- E. It is unacceptable for patient care decisions to be influenced by the possibility of personal financial gain.
- F. Vendor support of resident/fellow attendance at educational conferences requires program directors approval
- G. Programs are encouraged to provide training to resident/fellows regarding potential conflicts of interest in interactions with industry vendors.
- H. Industry vendors are not permitted in any patient care areas unless they follow the hospital vendor policy as set forth by CMMC.

References

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