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## Graduate Medical Education Policy

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**Effective Date:** July 1, 2020

**Review Date:** May 2023

**Next Review Date:** May 2024

**Policy Title:** Interaction with Vendors Policy

**Purpose:** To describe the methods of Interaction with Vendors for Trainees.

**Policy Type:** Sponsoring Institution/Sponsored Program Policy

This policy addresses interactions between vendor representatives/corporations and Trainees and ACGME Sponsored Programs. This policy also applies to educational conferences organized through the Sponsoring Institution as well as at Sponsored Programs. Each Sponsored Program will have individual policies regulating vendor entry into the facility.

GME conferences must have as their primary purpose the dissemination of objective scientific information or educational activities. Acceptance of educational support must never be made, conditioned on, or related in any way to pre-existing or future business relationships with industry.

1. Trainees of the Sponsoring Institution are prohibited from accepting gifts from pharmaceutical company representatives and other industry representatives that are intended to influence, or may have the effect of influencing, the Trainees health care decision. Trainees should refrain from accepting gifts and participating in activities offered by industry representatives, except for the generally permitted items and activities included on the list below:
  - a. Receipt of medical textbooks, including electronic medical education resources.
  - b. Participation in industry-supported educational programs. Attendance at educational programs that are not accredited by an ACCME or AOA-accredited provider should be approved in advance by the Program Director and/or the DIO. Registration fees and other support for participation in educational programs should not be accepted directly by any resident from an industry representative. Questions regarding attendance at and support for educational programs should be addressed to the OSU-CHS/OMEKO Sponsored Program's office of GME. If the sponsored program has an inquiry that they are not clear on, it is recommended they contact the office of Graduate Medical Education.
2. Trainees should not participate in activities or accept gifts not included on the list above without specific permission from the Program Director or GME office of the sponsored program. In addition to the Sponsoring Institution policy, Trainees are expected to comply with the policies on vendor interactions in effect at each hospital to which a Trainee rotates. Where there is discordance between the Sponsoring Institution policy and the sponsored program's policy, the more stringent of the two

will apply, however the Sponsoring Institution and the Sponsored Programs will work collaboratively to come to consensus in areas of debate.

3. Questions regarding this policy should be directed to the respective Program Director or the Office of Graduate Medical Education. If there are discrepancies between Sponsored Program and Sponsoring Institution policies, in general the stricter of the two policies will apply; however, the Sponsoring Institution and the Sponsored Programs will work collaboratively to come to consensus in areas of debate.

**References:**

ACGME Sponsoring Institution Requirements

IV.L. Vendors: The Sponsoring Institution must maintain a policy that addresses interactions between vendor representatives/corporations and residents/fellows and each of its ACGME-accredited programs. (Core)