GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION

TRAINEE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

POLICY: GME INDUSTRY RELATIONS POLICY
Policy Number 14.7
Chapter: Graduate Medical Education

Purpose:

University of Utah Health (“UUH”)¹ is committed to outstanding education, research, and patient care that are free from inappropriate external influences. We recognize the important partnership between industry and academia in advancing all of these missions. The University of Utah has an overarching policy, Supplemental Rule 1-006: Health Sciences Industry Relations Policy, which sets the standards of professionalism, education and interaction between industry entities or representatives and all UUH employees including GME trainees.² The purpose of this specific GME policy is to highlight the most common scenarios that may involve residents and fellows and give specific guidance on such situations.

The goal of this guidance is to protect GME trainees from undue influence and ensure that proper mentoring is provided on industry relations. In general, trainees are not allowed to:
- Accept gifts from Industry.
- Interact with industry representatives unless it is in the presence of a faculty member at an approved educational event.
- Accept industry support for educational activities except as outlined below in this policy.

Definitions:

A. Industry: “Industry” shall refer to all persons and business entities that do business, or may do business, with UUH, including all

¹ University of Utah Health (UUH) replaces University of Utah Health Care (UUHC) in this policy
² Ref: Health Sciences Industry Relations Policy
pharmaceutical manufacturers, and all biotechnology, medical
device, hospital equipment, and service supply industry entities and
their representatives.

B. **Industry Representative:** Any representative of a manufacturer,
distributor or company who visits the facility for the purpose of
soliciting, marketing, or distributing information regarding the use
of medications, products, equipment or services.

**Policy:**

A. **Common Industry Scenarios that may involve Residents and Fellows**

1. **Gifts to individuals:** Utah law and University of Utah policy
   prohibits industry representatives from giving gifts of any
   kind to individual faculty, staff, or trainees including food.
   Faculty/Staff/Trainees are not allowed to have meals paid
   for by industry representatives, except in circumstances
   described below.

2. **UUH Educational Events:** Trainees may participate in
   educational events have been funded by industry
   representatives and approved by that have been approved
   by the University of Utah Office of Continuing Medical
   Education (“UUCME”) or similar offices within the
   colleges/schools of Pharmacy, Health, Nursing, and
   Dentistry. UUH events receiving industry support must, at
   a minimum, comply with the ACCME Standards for
   Commercial Support, regardless of whether continuing
   education credit is awarded. The food served at these
   events must be modest in nature and at least one faculty
   member must be present for the entire educational event.

3. **Industry-Sponsored Scholarships and Educational Funds for
   Trainees:** Trainees are not allowed to accept industry-
   sponsored scholarship or educational funds directly. These
   funds must be approved by the Dean (or designee) and
   directed to departments, divisions, and programs. In
   addition, these funds must:

   a. Students and/or trainees who receive industry-
      sponsored scholarships or other educational
      funding must go through the same selection
      process as other students/trainees supported by
      UUH school, college, departmental, division, or
      program funds. The department, program, or
      division must select the student or trainee.
b. Industry will not have any input in selection of students/trainees, except in cases of competitive industry-sponsored awards that are open to trainees of multiple institutions based on merit.

c. The department, division, or program has determined that the funded conference or program has educational merit.

d. The educational activity for which this scholarship applies must not be limited to a single industry representative’s products.

e. The department, division, program, and the recipient shall not be subject to any implicit or explicit expectation of providing something in return for the support (i.e., a quid pro quo).

f. The name of the University, school, college, or department, or the attendee’s affiliation, may not be used to imply endorsement of a product or service by the University, school, college, or department.

g. These provisions do not apply to educational programs for trainees at national or professional society meetings, awards, or travel grants presented by professional societies, or refereed competitive awards that are free of commercial influence.

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