

Our Guiding Principles

AAMC Recommendations

Gifts

Prohibit the acceptance of any gifts from industry by physicians, other faculty, staff, students, and trainees of the WVU School of Medicine, whether on-site or off-site.

Pharmaceutical Samples

The distribution of medication samples should be centrally managed in a manner that ensures timely access to optimal therapeutics.

Site Access by Industry Representatives

- Should only occur at the invitation by the physician and must occur in a non-patient care, non-public area.
- Student interaction should only occur for educational purposes under faculty supervision.

Continuing Medical Education

- Development of auditing mechanisms to assure compliance with ACCME standards, including those with respect to content validation and meals.
- Centralize CME efforts through which all requests for industry support and receipt for funds for CME activity are coordinated and overseen.
- Education programs should only be offered by industry programs that are ACCME accredited according to ACCME standards.

Participation in Industry-Sponsored Programs

- Full transparency and disclosure is required.
- Payments to faculty must be at fair market value

Industry-Sponsored Scholarship & Other Educational Funds for Trainees

- Funds must be centrally managed.
- No quid pro quo.
- Evaluation and selection of the recipient of the funds must be the sole responsibility of the WVU School of Medicine (no involvement by the donor industry).

Food

Industry supplied food will be permitted both on-site and off-site ONLY if provided in connection with an ACCME accredited program and in compliance with the ACCME guidelines.

Professional Travel

Faculty, students, and trainees are prohibited from accepting travel funds from industry other than for legitimate reimbursement in accordance to the other guidelines outlined above.

Ghostwriting

Faculty, students, and trainees are prohibited from allowing their professional presentations, oral or written, to be ghostwritten by any party, industry or otherwise.

Any personnel who have a financial interest in any particular manufacturer must disclose such interests and recues themselves from involvement in purchasing decisions relevant to the conflicting interest.

- Interactions between WVU School of Medicine and Industry must serve to enhance the health of our patients.
- Interactions between WVU School of Medicine and Industry must be transparent.
- Interactions between WVU School of Medicine and Industry must reflect high standards of medical professionalism and reach beyond applicable laws and regulations.
- Interactions between WVU School of Medicine and Industry must serve both academic medicine and the legitimate missions of the industry.
- Compensation structures and arrangements should be consistent with the above principles.

*Note: These principles & guidelines have been adopted by the AAMC June