**Institutional GME Policy on Vendor Interaction**

**Definition**:

Vendor, an agent, or other representative of a pharmaceutical, nutritional, biotechnology or other health care product or services provider, manufacturer or company, it can include medical device suppliers.

**POLICY:**

Residents /fellows and faculty cannot accept gifts or personal benefits from vendors. Resident/fellows and Faculty can only engage with vendors for educational purposes and such interactions with vendors should be disclosed to their program director, ensuring that all interactions are transparent and do not influence patient care decisions.

Residents and faculty are prohibited from accepting meals, travel, or other personal benefits from vendors, regardless of value.

**Prior approval needed:** Any vendor-sponsored educational activity, including speaker presentations or CME events, must be reviewed for bias, and must be approved by the program director or GME office.

**Conflict of interest management:** The Institution requires disclosure of any financial or business relationship between resident trainees, Faculty, or employees with vendors and/or the companies they represent.

**Transparency with patients:** If a vendor is involved in a patient's care, the patient should be informed of the vendor relationship or involvement.

Programs should provide regular training to residents and faculty on appropriate vendor interaction practices. Violations of this policy should be reported to the GME office and potential consequences for non-compliance (which could include probation suspension, or dismissal) be reviewed with residents and Faculty.

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