

Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University
House Staff Policies and Procedures

Policy

HS 42.0 GME House Staff and Vendors

Source

Graduate Medical Education Office

1.0 Purpose

Per ACGME Institutional Requirements, Sponsoring Institutions (e.g., Medical College of Georgia) must maintain a policy that addresses interactions between vendor representatives/corporations and residents/fellows (House Staff) and each of its ACGME-accredited programs.

2.0 Policy Statement

In accordance with guidelines set forth by the American Medical Association Statement on Gifts to Physicians, acceptance of gifts from industry vendors is discouraged. The term "industry" includes but is not limited to pharmaceutical, biomedical device, equipment, and other health-care related industries. Any gifts accepted by residents/fellows (House Staff) should be of nominal value, not to exceed \$100. Accordingly, textbooks, modest meals, and other gifts are appropriate only if they serve a genuine educational purpose. Acceptance of gifts should not influence prescribing practices or decisions to purchase a device. Any gifts from patients accepted by House Staff should be of nominal value, not to exceed \$100.

3.0 Program Responsibilities

Program Directors are responsible for educating their House Staff on the proper protocol for interacting with industry representatives/vendors. Programs may have program-specific policies which must be shared with House Staff as well.

4.0 Other Policies

Individual Participating Sites may also have policies that address vendor interactions. House Staff are expected to be knowledgeable of these and comply with these when training at the applicable participating site.



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