

VII. Policy on Interaction with Vendors *Revised 11/12/2021*

I. References

In accordance with Section IV.L of the ACGME Institutional Requirements, the Sponsoring Institution must maintain a policy that addresses interactions between vendor representatives/corporations and residents and each of its ACGME-accredited programs.

II. Policy

1. Tulane University School of Medicine residents are prohibited from accepting gifts from pharmaceutical and medical device company representatives and other industry representatives that are intended to influence, or may have the effect of influencing, the residents' health care decisions. Residents should refrain from accepting gifts and participating in activities offered by industry representatives, with the exception of the following generally permitted items and activities:
 - a. Receipt of medical textbooks;
 - b. Participation in industry-supported educational programs. Attendance at educational programs that are not accredited by an Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) accredited provider should be approved in advance by the resident's Program Director and/or the Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education/DIO for the School of Medicine. 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 Tulane Center for Continuing Medical Education in conjunction with the Office of Graduate Medical Education.
 - c. Individual gifts of minimal value that are related to the work of the resident, such as pens and notepads.
2. Residents should not participate in activities or accept gifts not included on the list above without specific permission from the DIO. In addition to this Policy, residents are expected to comply with the policies on vendor interactions in effect at each hospital or other participating site to which a resident rotates. If there is discordance between this Policy and a participating site's policy, the more stringent of the two will apply.
3. Questions regarding this Policy should be directed to the resident's Program Director or the Tulane University Office of General Counsel.