

**LEHIGH VALLEY HEALTH NETWORK
System Manual**

GME – INDUSTRY INTERACTIONS CONFLICT OF INTEREST – DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (DOE)

SCOPE:

Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) adopts this policy for the following selected licensed entities:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lehigh Valley Hospital | <input type="checkbox"/> LVHN Surgery Center – VNA Road |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lehigh Valley Hospital – Dickson City | <input type="checkbox"/> Lehigh Valley Home Care |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lehigh Valley Hospital – Hazleton | <input type="checkbox"/> Lehigh Valley Hospice |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lehigh Valley Hospital – Pocono | <input type="checkbox"/> Pocono VNA / Hospice |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lehigh Valley Hospital – Schuylkill | <input type="checkbox"/> Lehigh Valley Home Care – Schuylkill |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LVHN Children’s Surgery Center | <input type="checkbox"/> Lehigh Valley Home Care – Hazleton |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LVHN Surgery Center – Tilghman | <input type="checkbox"/> Transitional Skilled Unit |

Medical and Dental Resident and Fellow Physicians

LINKS TO ATTACHMENTS: N/A

LIST OF ASSOCIATED FORMS: N/A

DISCLAIMER:

This policy and the implementing procedures are intended to provide a description of recommended courses of action to comply with statutory or regulatory requirements and/or operational standards. It is recognized that there may be specific circumstances, not contemplated by laws or regulatory requirements that make compliance inappropriate. For advice in these circumstances, consult with the Departments of Risk Management and/or Legal Services, as appropriate.

REVIEW:

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Approved by the Graduate Medical Education Committee

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I. POLICY:

All graduate trainees shall maintain appropriate ethical relationships with all industry interactions. Such interactions must abide by all hospital regulations. All interactions with manufacturer's representatives will be approved by the Director of Medical Education or the Program Director of the Department responsible for the graduate trainee. No part of this policy will negate Lehigh Valley Hospital Administrative Policy 1100.03 - Conflict of Interest.

II. DEFINITIONS:

Graduate Trainee - Any postgraduate M.D. or D.O., D.D.S., or D.M.D. physician in training, whether or not in an ACGME approved training program.

CMO - Chief Medical Officer

Immediate Family Members - Spouse, domestic partner, cohabitant, child, stepchild, grandchild, parent, stepparent, mother-in-law, father-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, grandparent, great grandparent, brother, sister, half-brother, half-sister, stepsibling, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, or first cousin (that is, a child of an aunt or uncle).

III. PROCEDURE:

ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY
All graduate trainees will conform to the American Medical Association Guidelines for Gifts from Industry to Physicians (Opinion 9.6.2).	Graduate Trainee
All educational gifts and donations to graduate trainees from manufacturers shall be made through the Department responsible for graduate trainee training. Such gifts and donations shall be distributed equitably among the graduate trainees. This shall include books, journals and medical instruments, as well as scholarships or funds to defray educational expenses.	Graduate Trainee; Program Directors
Graduate trainees or their immediate family members shall not accept gifts, monies, tickets, medication or other inducements from manufacturers due to the training status of the graduate trainee. (Reference AMA Guidelines)	Graduate Trainee
Graduate trainees found to violate this policy will be counseled by their Program Director. Graduate trainees violating the policy a second time will be placed on probation and thereafter required to be documented Graduate trainees violating the policy a third time will be subject to dismissal.	Graduate Trainee

IV. REFERENCES:

American Medical Association Code of Medical Ethics - Gifts to Physicians from Industry (Opinion 9.6.2)

<https://code-medical-ethics.ama-assn.org/ethics-opinions/gifts-physicians-industry#:~:text=Decline%20cash%20gifts%20in%20any,patients%2C%20including%20patient%20education%3B%20and>

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