

PULMONARY AND CRITICAL CARE MEDICINE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

INTERACTION WITH PHARMACEUTICAL AND MEDICAL EQUIPMENT REPRESENTATIVES POLICY

Definition: Pharmaceutical and Medical Equipment representatives are anyone who is an employee of a pharmaceutical company, medical equipment manufacturer, home health care provider or medical equipment provider whose purpose for being on campus is to discuss with physicians the benefits, risks or attributes of any goods or services prescribed for patients by physicians, hereafter called "representatives".

The Department of Internal Medicine Policy supercedes this policy.

Clinical fellows may accept gifts up to \$50 from the representatives but if the value of the gift is greater than that, the gift should go to the library or made available to all fellows.

Grants for travel to ATS, SCCM or CHEST from pharmaceutical companies should be offered to the clinical fellows through the fellowship program director. Checks should be made payable to the University of Nebraska. Grants should not be offered directly to the clinical fellows nor should clinical fellows solicit grants for travel from pharmaceutical representatives.

Grants for travel, to industry-sponsored or other meetings, from pharmaceutical companies for clinical fellows, should be accompanied by an abstract or schedule of the proceedings, which should include the topics and speakers. These meetings should meet usual CME standards. The program director will need to approve all travel and educational leave for these meetings. If the clinical fellow is taking vacation time or the meeting is scheduled during times when the clinical fellow is not on call, the meeting does not need approval of the program director. If the clinical fellow wants to attend such a meeting during times he/she is scheduled to be doing research, the clinical fellow must inform the research mentor and receive written permission to attend.

Individual clinical fellow's names, addresses, phone numbers or e-mail addresses may not be given out without the approval of the program director or the individual fellow.

Lectures or programs that result in an honorarium being paid to the fellow directly are considered moonlighting. Only third year fellows are allowed to engage in these programs and each incident requires prior approval by the Program director. Failure of proper notification may result in loss of the privileges.

Fellows are **not** allowed to make appointments to meet individually with representatives but may meet with them in hallway. Representatives are **not** allowed in the fellows' office and the violation of this policy will result in suspension of privileges to visit any Section offices for the period of one year. Representatives are **not** allowed to interrupt fellows or to carry on business in the Rennard Conference Room or in clinic. Violation of this policy will result in them being reported to the Pharmacy office. Fellows are **not** allowed to solicit representatives for gifts of any kind including, but not limited to, luncheons off campus, textbooks or travel funds.