PURPOSE: The purpose of this standard operating procedure (SOP) is to provide guidance for the Clinical Research Center (CRC) staff regarding educational grants from sponsors. The CRC staff will avoid situations where conflict of interest or the appearance of conflict of interest exists.

SCOPE: This SOP applies to all CRC staff who may be offered a gift by sponsors.

PERSONNEL RESPONSIBLE: All CRC study staff that interacts with study sponsors.

PROCEDURES:

- All CRC staff will follow University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) and Nebraska Medicine (NM) conflict of interest policies.
- The CRC staff will inform the CRC Director of Clinical Research Operations when a sponsor proposes or sends a direct gift.
- The CRC Director of Clinical Research Operations will explain the policies and assist the sponsor if they wish to make their gift an educational grant.
- The CRC will accept educational grants from sponsors which are made out and specified for educational use by the CRC. Educational use includes but is not limited to supporting continuing education or the purchase of educational materials which will provide benefit to the organization, not an individual.
- All staff will have input and be informed as to how the CRC’s educational grants are being used.

RESOURCES:
UNMC: #8010 Conflict of Interest
Nebraska Medicine: LD09 Conflict of Interest

Staff Accountability:
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