

## **The Ohio Society of Health-System Pharmacists Position Statement on Pharmacists and Industry Ethics**

### **PHILOSOPHY STATEMENT:**

Pharmacists and the pharmaceutical industry should collaborate in efforts to optimize patient care.

### **GUIDELINES:**

Pharmacists should place the welfare of patients paramount in pharmacotherapeutic decisions.

Pharmacists should not solicit or accept gifts that might influence or appear to influence objectivity or clinical judgment.

Pharmacists should participate in research that meets accepted standards for publication in peer-reviewed journals and will contribute to the body of scientific knowledge.

Pharmacists should avoid financial, consulting, or other relationships that are, or appear to constitute, conflicts of interest.

Pharmacists should disclose consultant or speaker arrangements or substantial financial holdings with companies under consideration for formulary inclusion or related decisions and when delivering educational programs.

Providers of continuing education that accept industry funding for programs should develop and enforce policies to maintain complete control of program content and ensure delivery of fair and unbiased presentations.

Donations by companies to professional associations for professional awards, community service activities, scholarships, etc, are acceptable.

### **REFERENCES:**

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2. ASHP Council on Legal and Public Affairs. ASHP Guidelines for Pharmacists' Relationships with Industry. Am J Hosp Pharm 1992; 49:154.
3. American College of Clinical Pharmacy. Pharmacists and the Pharmaceutical Industry: Guidelines for Ethical Interactions. Pharmacother 1993; 13:531-533.

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