Guidelines for physicians in interactions with industry

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See also companion policy: Recommendations for physician innovators.

Physicians on industry advisory boards, clinical trial steering committees, or other industry-sponsored committees should be transparent about their role and responsibilities.

Physicians should disclose any financial or non-financial interests related to industry-sponsored committees.

Physicians should avoid conflicts of interest by not participating on industry-sponsored committees if:
- The physician has a direct or indirect financial or non-financial interest in the industry or a competitor.
- The physician is in a position to influence the outcome of the committee's decisions.

Physicians should also disclose any relevant information to their patients, including any potential conflicts of interest.

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Recommendations for Physician Innovators

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