



**Office of Graduate Medical Education**

**GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE POLICY NO. 30**

- A. SUBJECT: Industry funding of Graduate Medical Education Positions and Activities
- B: EFFECTIVE DATE: February 1, 2015
- C: POLICY: Policy on Industry funding of Graduate Medical Education

This policy is designed to complement University of Virginia [Medical Center policies 0008, Gifts and Gratuities](#), and [0013, Interactions with Vendors, Sales, and Service Representatives](#). This policy applies to both Graduate Medical Education Trainees and Members of the Clinical Staff, within or for the benefit of the Medical Center, regardless of employer. Employees of the Medical Center and the University are subject to the State and Local Governmental Conflict of Interests Act and the Ethics in Public Contracting Section of the Virginia Public Procurement Act of the Code of Virginia. This policy incorporates the requirements of these Acts, and in some instances imposes more stringent requirements. To the extent that this policy exceeds the requirements of state law or other codes of conduct, this policy shall control.

The GME Committee acknowledges that financial support from industry vendors or representatives provided to GME trainees or their supervising faculty members can influence patient care decisions. Therefore, the following standards must be applied.

**D: STANDARDS**

1. Graduate Medical Education Trainees shall not directly accept from any industry vendor, sales or service representatives any of the following:
  - a. food or beverage, of any kind and regardless of value, from any representative on the grounds of the Medical Center or on University grounds, even if it is provided in the context of an educational activity
  - b. funds to support travel to and registration for an educational activity, either held on grounds or away from grounds
  - c. educational material in the form of textbooks, electronic devices and their applications, or materials or devices for simulated training of medical care
2. THE GMEC Committee would prefer that industry representatives and vendors provide funding for such materials or activities in the form of an unrestricted gift to the Development Office of the University of Virginia Health Foundation.

3. Industry representatives or vendors may provide support to the Department Chair of the GME Trainee's program for the stipend and benefits of a GME Trainee and/or travel or registration for a GME trainee to attend an educational conference under the following conditions:
  - a. The funding cannot be linked to the training of an individual trainee, nor should any trainee have knowledge that funding is being accepted on behalf of the trainee for his or her education and training
  - b. Applications for the funding by industry of *educational activities* must be reviewed in advance by the GMEC Subcommittee on Stipend and Benefits
  - c. Applications for the funding by industry for the stipend and benefits of a GME Trainee must be approved in advance by the Graduate Medical Education Committee, in addition to following any and all necessary requirements of the School of Medicine Office on Grants and Contracts. If approved and subsequently funded, a PTAO must be provided to the GME Office so that such funds can be tracked.
  - d. Any application for funding by industry for either stipend and benefits or educational activities for a GME Trainee(s) must name the Department Chair as the recipient; the Chair must acknowledge that he or she may be publicly reported for accepting such funds under the Sunshine Act

Approved: GMEC & CSEC, January 21, 2015