

Undergraduate Medical Program Guidelines for Interaction with the Pharmaceutical Industry

The following guidelines were developed by the Faculty Postgraduate Education Committee to be used in conjunction with the criteria developed by the Canadian Medical Association regarding physicians and the pharmaceutical industry. (Policy can be found at: http://www.caro.acro.ca/caro/new/caro/press/physicians_industry.pdf). This policy has been adopted by the Undergraduate Medical Program.

- If it is known that the industry has a particular educational resource which would help fulfill an independently derived educational goal, that resource should be sought.
- Programs may seek industry sponsorship of educational events but this should be done in an "arms length" manner - i.e. while the funds are from the pharmaceutical company, the program must retain the authority to determine the content and activities of the event(s) which the sponsorship will promote.
- If funding is contingent on industry input into the program, or the Undergraduate Medical Program making students accessible to representatives of the industry, the funding should be declined.
- The ultimate decision on organization, content and choice of activities shall like in the hands of the student-organizers.
- Industry representatives may be invited by the program to submit educational materials for programme-sponsored events. If appropriate, the materials may be used.
- The Undergraduate Medical Program should not be party to students being the beneficiaries of non-educational largesse from the industry.
- The Undergraduate Medical Program should not facilitate access of drug representatives to the students.

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