

POSTGRADUATE EDUCATION 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.

1. If it is known that the industry has a particular educational resource which would help fulfil an independently derived educational goal, that resource should be sought.
2. Programmes 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 programme must retain the authority to determine the content and the activities of the event(s) which the sponsorship will promote.

If funding is contingent on industry input into the programme, or the Residency Programme making residents accessible to representatives of the industry, the funding should be declined.

The ultimate decision on organization, content and choice of activities shall lie in the hands of the physician-organizers.

3. Industry representatives may be invited, by the programme, to submit educational materials for programme sponsored events. If appropriate, the materials may be used.
4. The Residency Programme should not be party to residents being the beneficiary of non-educational largesse from the industry.
5. The Residency Programme should not facilitate access of drug representatives to the residents.

While it is understood that these are the guidelines that will apply to all postgraduate programmes, it is also understood that each programme may need to adapt them to fit local circumstances.