

Policy Name:	Vendor interactions between representatives/corporations and residents/fellows		
Section #:	10-001	Section Title:	Institutional Policies Relative to GME
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Responsible Office:	Office of Clinical and Health Affairs, Rutgers Health	Contact:	Institutional Coordinator

1. Reason for Policy

To establish compliance that meets Rutgers, state, federal, and accreditation regulations.

2. Applicable ACGME Institutional Requirements

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3. Resources

- i. Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education Institutional Requirements
- ii. Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education Common Program Requirements
- iii. Committee of Interns and Residents (CIR) Collective Bargaining Agreement
- iv. Rutgers University Policies
- v. New Jersey Board of Medical Examiners
- vi. American Board of Medical Specialties

4. Scope

The scope of this policy applies to all residents and fellows participating in accredited Rutgers Health post-graduate training programs (i.e., residencies or fellowships), accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), who hold a Resident or Fellow appointment. Residents and Fellows are hereafter referred to as “Residents”. The Rutgers Health policy described here applies to all residents of Rutgers Health. Further details related to this policy, as applicable to the existing legacy residents bound by and limited by the policies and procedures originating from the programs in which they were originally contracted, may be found, and defined by the following Rutgers Health training program policies associated with

- New Jersey Medical School Graduate Medical Education & CIR MOU
- Robert Wood Johnson Medical School Graduate Medical Education & CIR MOU
- Community Medical Center Graduate Medical Education
- Cooperman Barnabas Medical Center Graduate Medical Education
- Jersey City Medical Center Graduate Medical Education & CIR MOU
- Newark Beth Israel Graduate Medical Education
- Monmouth Medical Center Graduate Medical Education
- Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital -Somerset
- Trinitas Regional Medical Center Graduate Medical Education

5. The Policy

- I. Residents/Fellows are not directly responsible for the selection of vendors or decisions regarding the acquisitions of goods and services and should not present themselves as such.
- II. Vendors who wish to contact residents/fellows of Rutgers Health must conform to all policies and procedures set forth by Rutgers Health.
- III. Residents/Fellows are not permitted to interact with vendors in facilities associated with Rutgers Health, except for approved educational activities.
 - a. If residents/fellows would like to invite a vendor to conduct an educational activity, they may do so only with the approval of an arrangement through the residency Program Director. A faculty member must be present during educational activities presented by vendors.
 - b. All vendors must have approval from the residency/fellowship Program Director of the residents/fellows with whom they are scheduled to meet, prior to all appointments.
- IV. While on site and during appointments, all conversation and interaction must take place in a private setting.
- V. Vendors may not use any hospital communication system to contact residents/fellows or faculty.
- VI. Promotional materials, without substantial educational content, are barred from Rutgers Health sites. Exhibits and discussion of pharmaceuticals, devices, and services as part of a medical education program are permitted in appropriate educational locations.
- VII. The receipt of gifts and favors, other than educational materials and grants from vendors by Rutgers Health residents/fellows is prohibited under Rutgers Health policy.