

Recommendations for Adhering to Disclosures for UMMS Lectures

The UMMS Faculty and Student Vendor Relations Conflict of Interest Policy, 04.01.03, effective October 17, 2012, requires:

“Both internal and external lecturers must disclose relevant Vendor relationships, if any, when presenting a lecture in an approved UMMS course.”

The following procedural recommendations are made to help assure compliance with this Policy’s requirement:

- An individual designated by the Dean of each school will contact every course director within the school reminding those individuals of this requirement.
- These course directors will be asked to contact each lecturer in their course to determine if there is a relevant Vendor relationship to disclose as it pertains to his/her lecture.
- If there is a course syllabus, the course director will make the appropriate entry in the course syllabus. Examples follow:

“None of the lecturers in this course has a relevant Vendor relationship to disclose.”

Or

“Only one lecturer in this course has a relevant Vendor relationship to disclose. Dr. J. Smith serves as a consultant to the ABC company, which manufactures cardiology medical devices.”

- Although the course director can assist in adhering to this Policy as noted above, the ultimate responsibility for disclosing relevant Vendor relationships lies with each lecturer.
- Aside from the disclosure statement that may be in a syllabus, each lecturer must also disclose prior to the lecture commencing whether or not he/she has a relevant Vendor relationship to disclose. This disclosure may be made verbally and/or appear on a PowerPoint slide. Examples follow:

“I have no relevant Vendor relationships to disclose.”

Or

“I have a relevant Vendor relationship to disclose. I am a consultant to the XYZ Pharmaceutical Company serving as a consultant for the development of anti-hypertensive medications.”

- If lecturers are not sure whether a given Vendor relationship is a relevant Vendor relationship to disclose, they may seek an opinion from the individuals listed on page one of the Policy.