

THE AMERICAN CONGRESS OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Effective May 2011, this policy applies to the all Congress committee members. Committee members are required to follow the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists guidelines for relationships with the health care industry as contained in the College Committee Opinion #401, *Relationships with Industry*, March 2008. Committee members must adhere to the following policy:

While serving on a Congress committee, the committee member and the member's spouse or domestic partner shall not:

- Have a financial interest in excess of \$5,000, except in a blind trust, exchange traded funds or through mutual fund investments, in an individual pharmaceutical company or an individual manufacturer of medical instruments, devices or equipment
- Receive any consulting fees, royalties, honoraria, in-kind services, or payments of any kind for their personal use from a pharmaceutical company or a manufacturer of medical instruments, devices or equipment, except for payments in relation to clinical investigations or studies conducted in accordance with federal requirements
- Accept anything of value in excess of \$25 for their personal use from a pharmaceutical company or a manufacturer of medical instruments, devices or equipment, except for items in relation to clinical investigations or studies conducted in accordance with federal requirements
- Be on a speakers bureau of a pharmaceutical company or a manufacturer of medical instruments, devices or equipment
- Have a consulting or advisory arrangement with a pharmaceutical company or a manufacturer of medical instruments, devices or equipment, except in relation to clinical investigations or studies conducted in accordance with federal requirements
- Serve on a corporate board of a pharmaceutical company or a manufacturer of medical instruments, devices or equipment

The committee member shall have a continuing responsibility to comply with this policy while a committee member. If the member ceases to be compliant with this policy during the member's committee term, the member shall inform the President and Executive Vice President immediately.

Approved by the Congress Executive Board February 2010