



## Conflict of Interest Policy

### Purpose

The Pritzker School of Medicine is committed to limiting and eliminating perceived or actual conflicts of interest (COI) between industry vendors and the student body.

### Overview

It is necessary to document the appropriate and acceptable limits of vendor interaction with students in order to fully remove instances of perceived or actual conflicts of interest.

### Related LCME Standards:

- 1.2 Conflict of Interest Policy
- 3.5 Learning Environment/Professionalism

### Principles

The Pritzker School of Medicine will inform and educate medical students about what constitutes appropriate relationships with industry and how to maintain integrity and objectivity in regards to vendor influence and perceived and actual COI.

### Policy

Pritzker School of Medicine students should adhere to the following COI policies.

1. Gifts to Individuals: Pritzker students may not accept gifts from vendors.
2. Financial Relationships: Pritzker students may receive discounts from vendors, but individual students may not receive benefits, favors, or other items of value from industry to serve as agents for the vendor.
  - a. Example: Students should not receive steeper discounts than their peers for helping the vendor gain access to fellow students, patients or MD's.
3. Vendors on Campus: Vendors of services or products may not market or sell their products to students in the BSLC or the Medical Center.
4. Pharmaceutical Samples: Pritzker students may not accept drug samples directly from vendors for personal use or patient use at UCM or free clinics.

### Procedures

1. The COI policy will be distributed to medical students on an annual basis.

2. Pritzker students should adhere to the COI policy and report any instances of industry non-compliance to the Dean of Students.

Accountable Dean(s) or Director(s): Dean of Students

Related Policies: UChicago COI for Faculty

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