

Disclosure of Potential Conflicts of Interest

Orthopaedics New England, P.C.

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Under the Standards of Professionalism adopted on April 18, 2007 by the Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS), this document discloses to patients of **Orthopaedics New England, P.C.** and to the doctors who practice in this group, any potential conflict of interest due to financial arrangements that members of this group have with corporations in the medical industry.

As defined by the AAOS: "A conflict of interest may occur when an orthopaedic surgeon has, directly or indirectly, a financial interest or positional interest or other relationship with the industry that could be perceived as influencing the orthopaedic surgeon's obligation to act in the best interest of the patient." A "financial interest" includes but is not limited to compensation for employment, paid consultancy, stock ownership, or intellectual property rights. A "positional interest" occurs when an orthopaedic surgeon or family member is an officer, director, trustee, consultant, or employee of a company with which the orthopaedic surgeon has or is considering a transaction or arrangement. "Industry" includes pharmaceutical, biomaterial, and device manufacturers.

It is common for orthopaedic surgeons to enter into cooperative relationships with industry manufacturers to provide innovative ideas and feedback to improve medical technology. For technology and medicine to improve it is important for the manufacturers to learn from the needs and experiences of qualified doctors. The member doctors do have such relationships.

These cooperative relationships DO NOT in any way involve compensation to **John M. Keggi, M.D., Robert E. Kennon, M.D., or Lee E. Rubin, M.D.** for utilizing a certain company's device or technology.

Our primary interest continues to be the welfare of our patients. For example, the decision about which surgical implant will be used on any one patient is reached in a weekly conference when all members of the hospital Joint Replacement group review every case and x-ray, both before and after surgery. These surgical decisions are based on factors such as the patient's age, health, weight, and bony architecture. We make our determinations based on what is in the best interest of our patient, not based on our consulting agreements or fee arrangements.

The purpose of disclosing these potential conflicts is to ensure that we present ourselves and the services we provide in a clear and accurate manner.

Current Industry Relationships

1. **Smith & Nephew**: Researches, develops, manufactures, and markets devices and products for the fields of orthopaedics, wound management and endoscopy.

Dr. John Keggi and Dr. Robert Kennon have a consulting agreement with Smith & Nephew for compensation on an hourly basis for specific work performance including surgeon teaching.

2. **Omni Life Science, Inc.**: Designs, manufactures, and distributes orthopaedic devices.

Dr. John Keggi, and Dr. Robert Kennon have consulting agreements with Omni for compensation on an hourly basis for specific work performance. The surgical group also own stock in this corporation that was received for the intellectual input on the use and improvement of Omni Life Science devices. No royalties are received for products used at hospitals where Orthopaedics New England, P.C. surgeons operate, (Waterbury Hospital, Saint Mary's Hospital, and New Milford Hospital.)

3. **Salient Surgical Technologies**: Designs, manufactures and markets surgical tools.

Dr. John Keggi and Dr. Lee Rubin have a consulting agreement with Salient for compensation on an hourly basis for specific work performance.

4. **Genzyme**: Delivers products and services focused on rare inherited disorders, kidney disease, orthopaedics, cancer, transplant and immune disease, and diagnostic testing.

Dr. Robert Kennon has a consulting agreement with Genzyme for compensation on an hourly basis for specific work performance.

Members of our surgical groups are happy to further discuss this information with our patients. Please feel free to ask any additional questions you may have.

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