



## **New Mexico Bone & Joint Institute Physician Disclosure Form for Financial Agreements**

New Mexico Bone & Joint Institute (NMB&J) and its physicians and surgeons, have been active in education and research including teaching Medical/Nursing/PA students, Resident Physicians, Fellows and Physical Therapist. The surgeons of NMB&J are involved in advising and development of implants and improved surgical instruments and techniques. In addition, NMB&J physicians have given instructional lectures on implants, surgical and rehabilitation techniques, outcome studies, and serve as experts in their field on a national and international level to other doctors and medical personnel. NMB&J Surgeons are some of the top surgeons in their fields of expertise.

As part of this work, at times, doctors have worked under contract with orthopaedic companies, providing consultation, lecturing on, teaching, instructing labs, teaching other surgeons how to perform surgeries correctly and evaluation of new products and input on research and development. NMB&J physicians have invested in surgery, imaging, and medical services and given lectures on our protocols to medical/surgical personnel. In return for time and expertise, NMB&J doctors and staff has/may be paid consulting fees, distributions, royalties, instructor fees, development fees, proctoring payments and monies for performing services.

During the last year, NMB&J doctors received something of financial value from: Wright Medical, Presbyterian Health Care, Southern New Mexico Surgery Center, Organobiologics, RENOVIS, SYNTHES, Lincoln County Medical Center, Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center, Mountain View Medical Center, Workers Compensation Fund of New Mexico, New Mexico Medical Society, American College of Foot & Ankle Surgeons, Trilliant Surgical, Stryker, Orthosolutions, Dumaco Sciences, University Texas San Antonio and Arhtrex. Each of these has disclosed their involvement to NMB&J Physicians as appropriate and/or as required by law to the U.S. government.

Our doctors use products and prescribe or recommend services from some of these companies or entities in the care of patients, and also use similar products from other companies and implant manufacturers. The selection of which product to use or prescribe is based only on what is best for a patient, not on which company makes the product. It is important to our office that you are aware of these financial relationships with manufactures and service providers, that our office puts the interests of patients first, and that we are available to answer any questions that you may have. You may choose to decline a product, procedure or location of where a procedure is performed.

NMB&J doctors are members of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS), American College of Foot & Ankle Surgeons (ACFAS), and other Medical Societies, which all hold members to high ethical standards to ensure that even the appearance of a conflict of interest does not jeopardize trust that patients place in our doctors. AAOS/ACFAS has adopted Standards of Professionalism that require surgeons to identify and disclose potential conflicts of interest to our patients, the public, and colleagues. These standards clearly articulate how and under what circumstances members may work with and be compensated by industry, as well as the penalties for failure to comply.

If you have questions about this policy or other NMB&J policies, please ask your physician.