



## **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 & Labs on implants, surgical and rehabilitation techniques, and outcome studies. Our surgeons are renowned experts in their respective fields and are asked to evaluate, teach and improve techniques, devices and processes by which the best and most up-to-date treatments are delivered.

As part of this work, our 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 techniques to medical/surgical personnel. In return for time and expertise, NMB&J doctors and staff has/may be paid fees for: consulting, distributions, royalties, instructing, development, proctoring payments and monies for performing services.

During the last year, NMB&J doctors or the group received something of financial value from: Wright Medical, Presbyterian Health Care, Southern New Mexico Surgery Center, Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center, Mountain View Regional Medical Center, Lincoln County Medical Center, PAD Specialist, Workers Compensation Fund of New Mexico, New Mexico Medical Society, American College of Foot & Ankle Surgeons, Renovis / Kyocero Medical Technologies, Trilliant Surgical, Don Joy Orthopedics, Vilex, Stryker, Avitus, Crossroads Extremities, OrthoSolutions, Dumaco Sciences, University Texas San Antonio Health Center and Arthrex. Each of these has disclosed their involvement to NMB&J or its 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 many 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.