The fundamental mission of the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine (Feinberg) is to advance the health of the public. This mission is critically dependent upon the public's trust in the integrity of the research, education, and patient care performed at our institutions. To that end, our academic medical community's relationships with industry or other external entities, which often result in breakthroughs in medical research and promising new therapies, should be encouraged, but also keenly monitored. These relationships must not be or appear to be influenced by factors other than the pursuit of knowledge and the best interests of the patient. With this in mind, Feinberg and its affiliates have established policies that both provide for transparency through the disclosure of external professional relationships, and establish rules governing the conduct of such relationships.

Feinberg and Joint Affiliate Policies

Feinberg policies and the key policies of our joint affiliates can be found here: http://www.feinberg.northwestern.edu/compliance/links. Please familiarize yourself with these policies.

Joint Affiliate Annual Disclosure Survey

Joint Affiliate Professional Integrity and Conflict of Interest/Disclosure Policies require Feinberg faculty (full-time, part-time, and contributed services) and certain Northwestern Memorial HealthCare, Northwestern Medical Faculty Foundation, Children’s Hospital of Chicago Medical Center, and Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago personnel to disclose annually and transactionally all outside interests that may pose a conflict. Each person's responses are reviewed, and, if necessary, individual conflict management plans are developed and implemented. Use this link to learn more about the Joint Affiliate Annual Disclosure Survey. Additionally, external professional relationship information gathered from faculty through the survey is posted for our patients and the public and is available within faculty profiles on the Feinberg website.

You will be notified via e-mail regarding the Joint Affiliate Annual Disclosure Survey launch, and will be required to complete your survey in February. Should you have any questions, please contact Bridget Chamberlain, Director of Compliance and Joint Survey Administrator, Feinberg, by e-mail at bridget-chamberlain@northwestern.edu or by phone at (312) 503-2855.

Feinberg Conflict of Interest Committee

The mission of the Feinberg School of Medicine Conflict of Interest Committee (Feinberg COIC) is to review and assess potential research-related conflicts of interest and determine if an actual conflict of interest exists. The committee works to manage, minimize, or eliminate conflicts of interest that could influence the way research is conducted or affect the integrity of the Human Research Protection Program at Northwestern University.

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