

Department of Psychiatry – CME Relationship with Pharmaceutical Companies January 2012

Based upon the CME Committee meeting with Dr. Milev, review of the Queen's guidelines (based on U of T policy) and in consultation with Dr. Parikh Sagar, Department of Psychiatry Director of CME at U of T, I am proposing the following Department policy with respect to pharmaceutical company sponsorship of CME events. This policy has been approved by the Continuing Medical Education Committee and the Academic Affairs Committee in March 2012. The Department of Psychiatry subsequently approved the policy.

Residents should not solicit or accept financial support from pharmaceutical companies.

In exchange for unrestricted grants to the Department to support Grand Rounds, pharmaceutical companies can bring in accredited presentations and provide a modest lunch. These talks will take place at noon-hour only and will not be part of Grand Rounds. The Department will send a notice of these industry-sponsored presentations (without Queen's logo) to those on our Grand Rounds list and will put the company name on our Grand Rounds announcements for that year. The CME Director will normally not attend. A specifically designed evaluation form asking about the balance of the presentation will be used to assess these events. Under exceptional circumstances, the CME Committee may waive the need for accreditation.

Grand Rounds must be locally planned by the CME Committee according to the perceived and unperceived needs of the Department

There will be no support or publicity for evening talks even if accredited by the Royal College or CPA .