

17. A large number of movies on a large variety of medical subjects such as shock, heart surgery, procedures, etc. (by request—for a limited time only) (most companies).

18. Numerous monographs and "how-to" books on examination of patients, procedures, specialty fields, etc. (by request) many companies).

In addition to the above, arrangements are made at some schools for students in certain classes to take trips to visit the plants of pharmaceutical firms. It is our understanding that this entails the medical student providing for his own transportation, with the company providing for room, board, and entertainment.

The medical student, intern or resident may also receive any drugs, he or his family needs without cost from detailmen. Medical students, in most cases, need to have prescriptions signed by licensed physicians for prescription drugs. Baby foods, Similac, and other baby supplies are usually available without cost when they are requested.

In some schools and hospitals, drug companies also pay expenses for residents and interns to attend scientific meetings.

It is the feeling among most students that the majority of gifts listed above do serve an educational or utilitarian purpose, but students also recognize there is a certain number of gratuities which have no value whatsoever. Only rarely to my knowledge, have any students communicated this feeling above a specific item to the pharmaceutical company involved.

I apologize for the incomplete nature of the information above but a complete study of the number and extent of pharmaceutical company gratuities has just been undertaken by our Committee on Pharmaceuticals. This study, which should be quite detailed, will be collected this summer through questionnaires directed at medical students, interns and residents as well as through a request for this information from major pharmaceutical companies. From our initial requests for information in this area, it is clear that the pharmaceutical companies will probably provide the requested specifics.

B. With medical student organizations

A second category of pharmaceutical company activities directed at medical students, interns and residents involves support given to their particular organizations. There are at present, only two national organizations—the multidisciplinary Student Health Organizations and the Student American Medical Association which is composed primarily of medical students and house staff.

The Student Health Organizations (SHO) is a loose confederation of 1000–3000 individuals in autonomous local chapters. SHO holds a national assembly each year and has the loosest of structures with the SHO rarely having a "national position" on issues. They are a multidisciplinary organization and have been associated primarily with the large Summer Health Projects of the past three summers, active resistance to the war in Vietnam, ending minority group admissions discrimination by medical and health science schools and actively discussing ethical questions which confront the health professions—especially in regards to accountability of the professions to the communities they serve. They have received over 3 million in support from the Federal government, primarily to support the large Summer Health Projects. They have recently received a grant of about \$50,000 from the Carnegie Foundation to support a National Service Center in Chicago, and there will be two Summer Health Projects this summer—one in Milwaukee, and one in Boston.

To my knowledge, they have neither requested nor received any support from the pharmaceutical companies except for drugs which are utilized in their community clinics. Their publications are financed by grant money and individual contributions, and they have, in the past, allowed no advertising to be included. Their publications include ENCOUNTER, YES, BORBYRGMI and CONCEPTION, and are published locally and distributed irregularly.

In the past three national assemblies, the issue of the pharmaceutical industry has not been a significant issue and they have issued no policy statements in this regard.

I certainly cannot speak for this association of local organizations and would not presume to do so. The information above is based on my personal communication with leaders of the various SHO chapters and my past involvement with many members of the SHO.

The pharmaceutical industry is also active with other groups of students and with national SAMA.

On a local level, drug companies help publish medical student newspapers, help support social functions and contribute funds and drugs to support local