



# Assessment Report: University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine

The following is our assessment of your school’s policies on conflicts of interest in clinical care, based on policies collected between July and September 2011. While we understand that your institution’s policies may have changed since then, we hope this information will be useful in any policy development or implementation efforts. As we intend this solely as a resource for your institution, we do not provide specific schools’ numerical scores in any public presentation of our data.

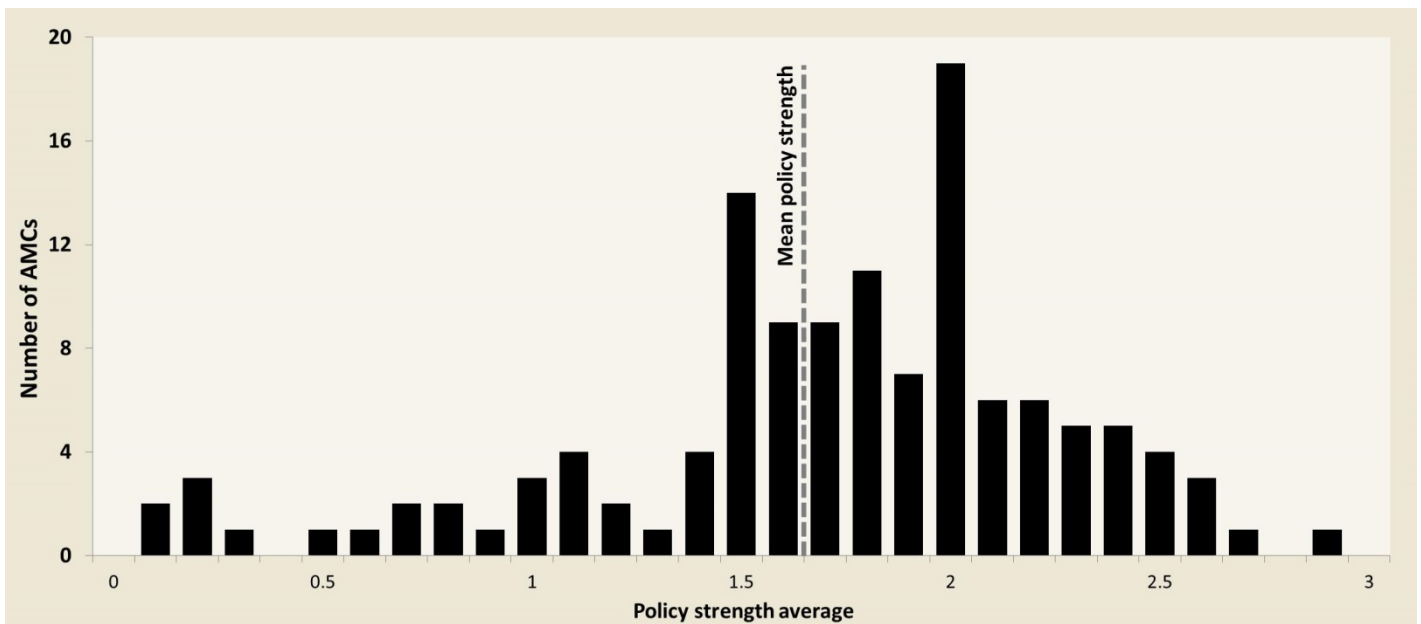
## HOW YOUR POLICIES RANK:

**98%**  
Percentile among AMCs

**2.7**  
Policy Strength Average  
(out of 3)

Overall, UI has strong policies.

- ➔ Your policies meet or exceed our best practice recommendations for **Gifts, Meals, Vendor Access, Samples, P&T Committees, Consulting, Travel, Ghostwriting, and Speakers' Bureaus**.
- ➔ The policies for **Honoraria and Scholarships** do not meet our best practice recommendations but do set some substantial limits on these activities.
- ➔ Your policies put in place no substantial limits for **Continuing Medical Education**.



**Policy Strength Average (PSA), 2011:** This chart shows the distribution of PSA among 127 MD-granting academic medical centers in 2011. The mean PSA was 1.67 and the median was 1.75.

# Policy Area Strength Assessment

The following table provides our assessment of your institution’s clinical conflict of interest policies, broken down by policy area. Policy area strength is based on our codebook (see attached), which was developed through intensive fieldwork and policy analysis. Our notes for each policy area provide page citations, which refer to your institution’s combined policy document, which can be found in our policy database at [www.imapny.org](http://www.imapny.org).

POLICY AREA	STRENGTH	NOTES
<b>Gifts</b>	<i>stringent</i>	Faculty, staff, and trainees cannot accept any gifts from industry, including small gifts that would otherwise be allowed under the Iowa Gift Law. Patient educational materials are permitted (pp. 5-6).
<b>Meals</b>	<i>stringent</i>	Industry-supplied or supported food or drinks may not be accepted by faculty, staff, trainees or by departments or divisions, whether on- or off-campus. Meals at ACCME-accredited CME events and meals associated with travel or professional meetings are an exception. Food at UI Health Care events is only allowable when purchased through a UI Health Care department, division, or Foundation account (p. 5).
<b>Vendor Access</b>	<i>stringent</i>	Registration through RepTrax and daily badges are required for all Medical/Surgical/Pharmaceutical representatives, including those in the O.R. Appointments are required. All vendors must review all policies and documents provided via RepTrax. Representatives are not permitted in patient-care areas (pp. 12-15).
<b>Samples</b>	<i>stringent</i>	“Industry-supplied drug samples and vouchers cannot be accepted or distributed to patients at UI Health Care” (p. 6).
<b>P&amp;T Committee</b>	<i>stringent</i>	"Faculty, staff, and trainees are not eligible to participate in Pharmacy and Therapeutics or Product Evaluation Committee meetings if they or members of their immediate family have, or have had within the prior five years, a personal financial relationship or funded research with a related pharmaceutical or medical device company that is being considered or discussed at that meeting" (p. 8).
<b>CME</b>	<i>permissive</i>	ACCME standards must be followed (p. 9).

<b>Consulting</b>	<i>stringent</i>	Consulting arrangements must be approved in advance by the Department Executive Officer. All agreements must be accompanied by a time-limited contract or letter of invitation/agreement outlining specific deliverables, tasks, and compensation. All agreements must be publicly disclosed (pp. 7-8).
<b>Honoraria</b>	<i>moderate</i>	Speaking engagements must be approved in advance by the Department Executive Officer. All engagements must be accompanied by a time-limited contract or letter of invitation/agreement outlining specific deliverables, tasks, and compensation (p. 7)
<b>Travel</b>	<i>stringent</i>	Employees may not accept travel funds from industry, except for legitimate reimbursement relating to approved consulting activities or training included in an equipment contract (pp. 3, 5-7)
<b>Scholarships</b>	<i>moderate</i>	Unrestricted educational grants for scholarships must be donated to department, division, or Foundation accounts (p. 6).
<b>Ghostwriting</b>	<i>stringent</i>	Faculty, staff, and trainees cannot participate in ghost authorship, which is defined as “the failure to name, as an author, an individual who has made substantial contributions to a scientific manuscript” (p. 9).
<b>Speakers’ Bureaus</b>	<i>stringent</i>	Faculty, staff, and trainees may not participate on industry speakers’ bureaus (p. 8).

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