

Dear Patient –

Recently, you may have heard that the Federal Government completed inquiries into the practices of several large orthopedic device manufacturing companies. Although The CORE Institute was not involved in any of those investigations, we would like to make sure you have accurate information regarding our relationships with some of these companies.

As our name suggests, our physicians, engineers, scientists and graduate students are actively involved in clinical care, education and research. Because of our mission, we focus our recruitment efforts on physicians who have superior academic and clinical training, and who also are actively involved in research and education directed at advancing orthopedic surgery and improving patient outcomes. Information about our physicians' education, training and experience can be accessed on our website at www.thecoreinstitute.com.

Our Division of Research and Development and our partnership with the Banner Sun Health Research Institute allow us to be actively involved in laboratory research aimed at improving the quality of medical care. We are currently working on projects studying total knee replacement devices; ways to improve hip fracture implants; improved methods of fracture treatment; and release of antibiotics from implants in an attempt to reduce the risk of postoperative infections. We are very proud of our success in this field and believe that we have contributed to the improvement in the care of orthopedic conditions.

Because of the qualifications of our physicians and other professionals, we often are approached by companies involved in the development of medical devices, instruments and related equipment. The companies know that our physicians have invaluable hands-on experience in the treatment of orthopedic problems, and that orthopedic surgeons frequently make important contributions to the development and improvement of devices and other equipment used in the treatment of orthopedic conditions. Surgeons and researchers at The CORE Institute are currently working with at least half a dozen companies, both large and very small, to help them create and improve products for patient care. We also have developed and patented products of our own that we have and/or will license or sell to industry.

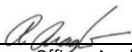
Although CORE physicians donate a great deal of their time to the advancement of orthopedic research and education, they also enter into contracts that provide payment for some of their efforts. Payment for the services provided by orthopedic surgeons may come in the form of hourly consulting fees for services provided by the physicians; royalties based on sales of products to which CORE physicians made important contributions (excluding sales of products used on our patients); and/or outright purchase of technologies. All of these transactions are compliant with all federal and state laws.

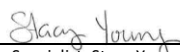
The following is a current list and the companies with whom we have contractual relationships with device manufacturers. For a complete list of our providers who have contractual relationships, please visit <http://www.thecoreinstitute.com/about-us/position-statement.html>.

Company	Website	Company	Website
Acumed	www.acumed.net	Medtronic	www.medtronic.com
Advanced Ortho Solutions	www.aosortho.com	Molnlycke Health Care US	www.molnlycke.us
Amniox Medical, Inc.	www.amnioxmedical.com	MSK Advantage	www.mskadvantage.com
Applied Biologics	www.appliedbiologics.com	Mylad Orthopedic Solutions, LLC	no website
Arboretum Venture	www.arboretumvc.com	NuVasive	www.nuvasive.com
Artelon	www.artelon.com	Onsite Medical Services	www.onsitemedicalservices.com
Arthrex, Inc.	www.arthrex.com	OREF	www.oref.org
Bacterin	www.bacterin.com	Parcus Medical, LLC	www.parcusmedical.com
Bioventus	www.bioventusglobal.com	PDP	www.pdp Holdings.com
Bonovo	www.bonovo-ortho.com	Peerwell Inc.	www.peerwell.co
Cartiva, Inc.	www.cartiva.net	Plasmology4, Inc.	www.plasmology4.com
DJO Global	www.djoglobal.com	RTI Surgical, Inc.	www.rti.com
Endo Pharmaceuticals Inc.	www.endo.com	Safe Independence, LLC	www.securetracks.com
Flower Orthopedics	www.flowerortho.com	Skineez	www.myskineez.com
Foothills Sports Medicine and Physical Therapy	www.foothillsrehab.com	Smith and Nephew	www.smith-nephew.com
Globus Medical	www.globusmedical.com	Stryker Orthopaedics	www.stryker.com
Halyard Sales LLC	www.halyardhealth.com	Titan Spine	www.titanspine.com
Innovative Surgical Design	no website	Valley Pain Consultants	www.valleypain.org
Integra LifeSciences Corporation	www.integralife.com	Vertiflex Inc.	www.vertiflexspine.com
ISOI	No website	VTI	www.vti-spine.com
ITS	www.its-implant.com	Wright Medical Group N.V.	www.wright.com
Johnson & Johnson	www.jnj.com	Wright Medical Technology, Inc.	www.wmt.com
JRF Ortho	www.jrfortho.org	Zimmer Biomet	www.zimmerbiomet.com
LIMACORPORATE S.p.A	www.lima.it	Zuko Industries	No website
Lipogems International, S.p.A	www.lipogems.eu	Zyga Technology, Inc.	www.zyga.com
Medartis	www.medartis.com		
Medical Device Business Service, Inc.	www.depuysynthes.com		
Medline	www.medline.com		

We hope this clarifies the nature of our involvement in research and development leading to advances in orthopedic care. We are proud to remain leaders in innovation and are honored to have such a talented research staff at The CORE Institute. As always, we remain committed to complete transparency and disclosure with our patients, and we welcome your questions on this or any subject relating to your care.

If your care might involve the placement of a medical device, please feel free to ask your surgeon about his or her recommendation as to what type of device best suits your needs.


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