



Physician Disclosure Statement for Patients of Performance Orthopedics

The relationship between physicians and industry is an important one. The physicians at Performance Orthopedics have been active with research and development of improved surgical instruments and techniques. As part of this work, they have from time to time provided consulting services on new products and input on research and development. In addition, the doctors have given instructional lectures on implants and surgical techniques for other doctors and medical personnel. In return for this time and expertise, the doctors have in the past been paid a consulting fee that conforms to fair market value standards. A listing of those companies would include The DePuy-Mitek Corporation as well as The Genzyme Corporation.

As ethical physicians, we vow the following to our patients:

1. Currently, none of the physicians in this practice are under contract to use a particular product or brand of implant.
2. No physician in this office receives any monetary incentive to use any product or device.
3. The selection of implant or procedure for any given patient is *always* based upon what is best for that individual patient and *never* on any other considerations.
4. The physicians of Performance Orthopedics are members of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, (AAOS) which holds its members to extremely high ethical standards to ensure that even the appearance of a conflict of interest does not jeopardize the trust that patients place in our doctors.

AAOS has adopted Standards of Professionalism that require orthopaedic surgeon members to identify and disclose potential conflicts of interest to their patients, the public, and colleagues. These Standards also clearly articulate how and under what circumstances AAOS members may work with and be compensated by industry, as well as the penalties for failure to comply.

You can learn more about these Standards of Professionalism at the AAOS website:
<http://www.aaos.org/industryrelationships>

It is important to our office that you are aware of these relationships with implant manufacturers, that our office puts the interests of patients first, and that we are available to answer any questions that you may have.

Respectfully Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kenneth A. Jurist". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "K".

Drs. Jurist and Guettler

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Guettler". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "G".