



Patient Disclosure: Consulting Agreements/Industry Relationships

Dear Patient:

As you prepare for your appointment, we want to provide you with some information regarding Dr. William Blake Rodgers' work with industry.

Dr. Rodgers has been active in his career with research and development of new implants and improved surgical instruments and techniques. As part of this work, he is working with several companies providing consulting services on new products and input on research and development. In addition, Dr. Rodgers routinely gives instructional lectures on implants and teaches surgical techniques to other doctors and medical personnel. In return for this time and expertise, Dr. Rodgers receives consulting fees and royalties.

Our office uses products from some of these companies in the care of patients, but also uses similar products from other implant manufacturers. We want to assure you that the selection of which product to use in your care – and the care of all of our patients – is based only on what is best for the patient, not on which company makes the product.

Dr. Rodgers is a member 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.

Patient Signature

Date