

Corporate Funding Policy

The Coalition of Cancer Cooperative Groups (the Coalition) is a national 501 (c)(3) organization whose mission is to increase survival and improve the quality of life of cancer patients through increased participation in cancer clinical trials. Coalition members include 8,000 oncology professionals and 37 national patient advocacy organizations. The Coalition often works with corporations on events, programs, and development and distribution of educational materials. The following policy was developed to help guide and more clearly define our corporate partnerships. This policy has been developed to comply with the guidelines of the American Medical Association, the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education, and the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America regarding ethical financial support from pharmaceutical companies. The policy ensures that activities that are supported through unrestricted educational grants by companies are otherwise independent from the promotional influence of the supporting company. The Board of Directors of the Coalition approved this policy during September 2004.

Corporate Support

The Coalition is solely responsible for the criteria, objectives, content, quality, and scientific integrity of all programs and publications developed under its name and supported by corporate funders. Even though the Coalition may seek input and materials from time to time from its corporate sponsors, the Coalition maintains final approval and copyright over all program and material development and speaker selection. The Coalition is solely responsible for the allocation of grant dollars and decisions that affect the use of grant dollars. Payment of reasonable honoraria and reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses for faculty is customary and proper.

Endorsements

The Coalition will not be required to endorse in any of its materials, literature or events any specific product or product name.

Product-specific links

The Coalition will not be required to link from its website to any product-specific websites.

Copyright

All materials and programs, including educational programs and products, developed by the Coalition are the property of the Coalition and must carry the Coalition copyright, and as such, cannot be changed, modified or duplicated without prior written permission from the Coalition.

Disclosure

All speakers at Coalition programs will be required to disclose their relationship with the corporate sponsor.

Grant contingencies

The Coalition will not, under any circumstance, accept contributions from corporations contingent on any public policy position and/or public policy activity. The Coalition maintains total independence and ultimate authority over its policy-making activities separate and apart from any corporate partnership.

Right to review

Any corporate donor wishing to publicly reference its relationship or grants for any Coalition project, publication or position must first obtain the prior review and written approval of the Coalition.

Privacy

The Coalition will not sell or release its mailing and/or email list to its corporate partners.