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Response to Inquiries about Payments from Opioid Manufacturers

A statement from the American Academy of Pain Medicine

As a professional medical society, the American Academy of Pain Medicine (AAPM) is committed to integrity and transparency in all of its activities. Like other professional medical societies, the Academy relies on a number of revenue sources, including membership dues, event registration fees, unrestricted educational grants, industry sponsored activities, and the sale of trade show exhibit space and advertising.

Industry sponsorships, trade show exhibits, and advertising sales represent business transactions with external companies that seek to reach the Academy's constituents. While the Academy does not impose strict editorial control, it does have policy that helps ensure appropriate standards of accuracy are maintained.

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About AAPM

The American Academy of Pain Medicine is the premier medical association for pain physicians and their treatment teams with some 2,000 members. Now in its 34th year of service, the Academy's mission is to optimize the health of patients in pain and eliminate pain as a major public health problem by advancing the practice and specialty of pain medicine through education, training, advocacy and research. Information is available on the Academy's website at www.painmed.org.

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