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### **Institute of Medicine: Physicians Should Reject Financial Arrangements with Drug and Device Manufacturers**

Last week, the Institute of Medicine ("IOM") issued a set of guidelines on payments and gifts health care providers receive from the drug and medical device industries. Specifically, the IOM's Committee on Conflict of Interest in Medical Research, Education and Practice recommends that physicians, medical schools and hospital not accept any gifts of value; refrain from meeting with company sales representatives without an appointment or invitation; and refuse product samples, unless they can be used for low-income patients. The Committee also recommends that Congress enact legislation to require device and pharmaceutical companies to publicly disclose all payments they make to physicians.

The IOM's report brief is available online at:

<http://www.iom.edu/CMS/3740/47464/65721.aspx>.

### **NIH Announces New Grants to Fund International Research Collaborations**

The Fogarty International Center, part of the National Institutes of Health ("NIH"), announced early this week that it will award approximately \$537,000 over three years to fund international research collaboration at five universities. Fogarty International Research Collaboration Award ("FIRCA") grants are given jointly to an NIH-supported investigator and an overseas collaborator in a low- and middle-income country, with the financial support going to the foreign collaborator. Each institution will receive between \$33,000 and \$41,000 annually over three years. The new grants aim to increase access to emerging research techniques and capabilities, and unique populations and environments. Four of the new grants are going to U.S. institutions, while a fifth will go directly to a foreign institution, the University of Chile. The five new grants will support research on a wide range of public health issues including obesity, chronic mountain sickness, dengue fever and central nervous system injuries.

For more information, visit the FIRCA Program website at:

[http://www.fic.nih.gov/programs/research\\_grants/firca/index.htm](http://www.fic.nih.gov/programs/research_grants/firca/index.htm).

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Is your organization interested in potential funding opportunities through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act? Hall Render is monitoring these opportunities, as they are announced by various federal agencies, and we work with health care providers to identify projects and programs that may qualify for funding, particularly in the areas of health information



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