ICMJE Form for Disclosure of Potential Conflicts of Interest

Instructions

The purpose of this form is to provide readers of your manuscript with information about your other interests that could influence how they receive and understand your work. The form is designed to be completed electronically and stored electronically. It contains programming that allows appropriate data display. Each author should submit a separate form and is responsible for the accuracy and completeness of the submitted information. The form is in six parts.

1. Identifying information.
2. The work under consideration for publication.
3. Relevant financial activities outside the submitted work.
5. Relationships not covered above.

Definitions.

Entity: government agency, foundation, commercial sponsor, academic institution, etc.
Grant: A grant from an entity, generally [but not always] paid to your organization
Personal Fees: Monies paid to you for services rendered, generally honoraria, royalties, or fees for consulting, lectures, speakers bureaus, expert testimony, employment, or other affiliations
Non-Financial Support: Examples include drugs/equipment supplied by the entity, travel paid by the entity, writing assistance, administrative support, etc.

Other: Anything not covered under the previous three boxes
Pending: The patent has been filed but not issued
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Licensed: The patent has been licensed to an entity, whether earning royalties or not
Royalties: Funds are coming in to you or your institution due to your patent
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Section 1. Identifying Information

1. Given Name (First Name)  
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2. Surname (Last Name)  
   Vail

3. Date  
   25-February-2018

4. Are you the corresponding author?  
   Yes ☑️  No

5. Manuscript Title  
   Perspective on “Risk-based hospital and surgeon volume categories for total hip arthroplasty”

6. Manuscript Identifying Number (if you know it)

Section 2. The Work Under Consideration for Publication

Did you or your institution at any time receive payment or services from a third party (government, commercial, private foundation, etc.) for any aspect of the submitted work (including but not limited to grants, data monitoring board, study design, manuscript preparation, statistical analysis, etc.)?

Are there any relevant conflicts of interest?  
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Are there any relevant conflicts of interest?  
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If yes, please fill out the appropriate information below.

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Do you have any patents, whether planned, pending or issued, broadly relevant to the work?  
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Dr. Vail reports personal fees from DePuy, outside the submitted work; he is a Director on the Board of the ABOS and on the Board of the Knee Society.

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