



Dear Patient:

I feel it is important for you to know the relationships that I have built within the medical device industry. First, let me say that I believe these relationships are beneficial for all my patients. I have these relationships because I am involved with programs where I have responsibilities and interest in both teaching the next generation of surgeons and physicians, as well as conducting basic and clinical research that will improve the devices and procedures used in providing orthopedic care in general and better functioning hip and knee replacements for me more specifically.

As a result of these educational and research efforts, device manufacturers will ask for my involvement in the commercialization and development of their new and improved devices and techniques. As a consultant, I am compensated for my time when working on their behalf. In addition, they also reimburse the OSM Research and Education Foundation to support some of our research efforts.

These companies also provide some of the implants that may be utilized in your surgery. Because of my involvement with these companies I will normally recommend and use their product for your hip or knee replacement. However, please be assured that if I believe there is a better or more appropriate device from another manufacturer available; then I will use that device.

The relationships that I have built within the medical device industry are as follows:

Research Support: Stryker, Zimmer-Biomet, Arthrex

Please let us know if you have any questions regarding these relationships.

Sincerely,

Andrew J. Bryan, MD