



Patient Disclosure: Consulting Agreements with Orthopaedic Companies

As you prepare for your upcoming surgery, we want to provide you with some information regarding Dr. Vermillion's consulting agreements with orthopaedic companies.

Dr. Vermillion has been active in his career with research and development of new implants and improved surgical instruments and techniques. As part of this work, he has worked under contract with orthopaedic companies, providing consulting services on new products and input on research and development. In addition, Dr. Vermillion has given instructional lectures on implants and surgical techniques for other doctors and medical personnel. In return for this time and expertise, Dr. Vermillion has been paid a consulting fee.

Currently, Dr. Vermillion is a paid consultant to Genzyme Biosurgery.

Our office uses products from this company in the care of patients, but also uses similar products from other implant manufacturers. We want to assure you that the selection of which product to use in your care – and the care of all of our patients – is based only on what is best for the patient, not on which company makes the product.

Dr. Vermillion is a member of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, (AAOS) which holds its members to extremely high ethical standards to ensure that even the appearance of a conflict of interest does not jeopardize the trust that patients place in our doctors.

AAOS has adopted Standards of Professionalism that require orthopaedic surgeon members to identify and disclose potential conflicts of interest to their patients, the public, and colleagues. These Standards also clearly articulate how and under what circumstances AAOS members may work with and be compensated by industry, as well as the penalties for failure to comply.

You can learn more about these Standards of Professionalism at the AAOS website:

<http://www.aaos.org/industryrelationships>.

It is important to our office that you are aware of these relationships with implant manufacturers, that our office puts the interests of patients first, and that we are available to answer any questions that you may have.