
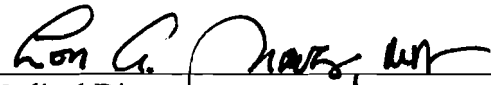
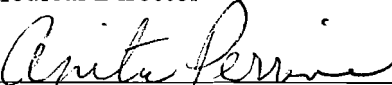
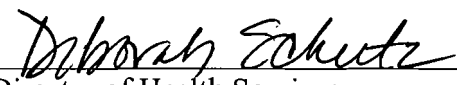
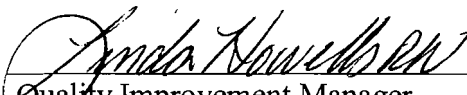

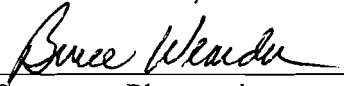


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POLICY¹:

It is the policy of Kern Health Systems (KHS) Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee (P&T) and the Pharmacy Department to not engage with pharmaceutical representatives.

PURPOSE:

To define the process utilized to achieve a thorough and unbiased review of the medication placed on the KHS Formulary.

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PROCEDURE:

1.0 Protection from Solicitation

KHS values the dedication of the P&T committee members and respects their time. To protect both the committee's integrity and time and to avoid any influence by their presence pharmaceutical representatives are not allowed to contact the P&T members or any other KHS staff except by the steps outlined below.

Providers and KHS staff shall not promote pharmaceutical products to the P&T committee or the Pharmacy Department of KHS.

2.0 Submission Process

If a representative would like something to be considered by the P&T committee they need to submit the request and supporting documents to KHS. KHS permits contact from the pharmaceutical industry only in written form.

All correspondence is to be directed to the KHS Pharmacy Department. Material may be submitted by fax, U.S. mail or via e-mail. Unless specifically requested by KHS, face to face presentations, phone solicitations or any other means of communication are not allowed.

¹ Revision 2008-11: Policy created by Corporate Pharmacist.