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Conflict of Interest: The Attitude of Iranian Physicians Involved in Breast Cancer Management

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خلاصه مقاله:

Background: Evidence on physicians' attitude toward conflict of interest isscant on a global scale and almost non-existent in a regional/national scale. Thisinvestigation is a pioneer to evaluate this issue in the Middle East and Iran.Methods: We invited physicians of different (sub)specialties/educationallevels who were engaged in breast cancer management to take an online 1 $^{\text{H}}$ -question survey regarding their attitude toward different statements on conflict ofinterest. The responses were then collected and analyzed.Results: The questionnaire was returned by 91 out of 1 $^{\text{L}}$ V recipients (responserate = $^{\text{L}}$ V.9%). Based on the answers, advertisement by pharmaceutical salesrepresentatives in academia was considered inappropriate ($^{\text{L}}$ M.0%) and influentialon clinical practice ($^{\text{L}}$ M.0%). It was the belief of $^{\text{L}}$ M.0% of participants that localpractice norms defined whether or not to accept travel grants. According to thesenorms, they might have accepted paid travels ($^{\text{L}}$ M.0%), but not financial offers($^{\text{L}}$ V.1%). It was acceptable to deliver ($^{\text{L}}$ M.0%) or attend ($^{\text{L}}$ M.0%) a speech when afinancial/scientific relationship with industrial companies existed and $^{\text{L}}$ M.7% believed that the disclosure and transparency rules should be respected in suchsituations. Physician-industry financial contracts were generally unfavorable($^{\text{L}}$ M.0%), especially when it came to prescribing a drug among other equally effective choices ($^{\text{L}}$ M.1%). The majority of respondents ($^{\text{L}}$ M.0%) stated that theywould choose the best approach for the patients regardless of possible prejudgments on conflict of interest

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