



Disclosure Regarding Relationships with Orthopedic Companies

As you prepare for your upcoming surgery, we want to provide you with some information regarding your surgeon's agreements with one or more orthopedic companies.

Many of our physicians have been involved during their careers with research and development of new implants and improved surgical instruments and techniques. As part of this work, they have worked under contract with orthopedic companies, providing consulting services on new products and input on research and development. In addition, some of our physicians have given instructional lectures on implants and surgical techniques for other doctors and medical personnel. In return for their time and expertise, they have been paid a fee for these services.

OrthoCarolina uses products from this company / these companies in the care of patients, but also uses similar products from other implant manufacturers. OrthoCarolina wants 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 you, not on which company makes the product.

While an OrthoCarolina physician may receive compensation for the time spent developing the products and financial benefits from use of these implants by non-OrthoCarolina physicians, our physicians do not receive any financial benefit from the use of these implants on you or other patients in our practice. Rest assured that the choice of implant used for your surgery is made only with your interests and outcome in mind.

Below is a sampling of some of the orthopedic companies with which our physicians have had financial relationships:

Stryker
Depuy Synthes
ConvaTec

Zimmer-Biomet
Smith & Nephew
Johnson & Johnson

Wright Medical Tech
DonJoy
Arthrex.

It is important to OrthoCarolina and our physicians that you are aware of these financial relationships with manufacturers, that our doctors put the interest of patients first, and that your surgeon is available to answer any questions that you may have.

If you have questions or concerns about these relationships or the device selected for your surgery, we encourage you to discuss them openly with your surgeon. We are proud of the contributions our practice makes through our research, training and product development. This work represents another way we try to make outcomes better for our patients and for other surgeons' patients around the world.