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**American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons
Standards of Professionalism
J. Kenneth Burkus, MD**

1. As your treating orthopaedic spinal surgeon, I shall regard my responsibility to the patient as paramount.
2. I shall prescribe drugs, devices and other treatments primarily on the basis of medical considerations and patient needs, regardless of any direct, or indirect, interest in, or benefits from, industry.
3. In treating my patients I will resolve conflicts of interest in accordance with the best interests of my patient, respecting my patient's autonomy to make healthcare decisions.
4. I accept no direct financial inducements from industry for utilizing a particular drug or implant, or for switching from one manufacturer's product to another.
5. I have assisted in the development and refinement of several spinal implants and spinal procedures, to include, but not limited to:
 - a. TSRH-3D Spinal Fixation System
 - b. LT-CAGE Interbody Fusion Device
 - c. INTERFIX RP Interbody Fusion Device
 - d. Cornerstone PEEK Interbody Fusion Cage
 - e. Osteogrip Pedicle Screw Fixation Device
 - f. Prestige AF Cervical Disc Replacement
 - g. Prevail - Cervical PEEK Interbody Fusion Device
 - h. Intrepid - Lumbar PEEK Interbody Fusion Device
6. I am a paid consultant for Medtronic Sofamor Danek (MSD). I have sold intellectual property rights to MSD. I have royalty agreements with MSD for some of the implants that I have developed or refined.