

# What's important to know.

Whenever drug or medical device companies make payments to physicians, or when physicians have invested in these companies, this information must be reported to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). This data is then made available to the public, including patients, each year at [cms.gov/OpenPayments](http://cms.gov/OpenPayments).

The purpose of Open Payments is to provide greater transparency to the public about the financial relationships between physicians and the health care industry.

## TYPES OF DATA REPORTED



### OWNERSHIP<sup>1</sup> AND INVESTMENT INTEREST



### RESEARCH ACTIVITIES<sup>3</sup>



### CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS<sup>2</sup>



### FEES<sup>2</sup>

- CONSULTING
- SPEAKING
- HONORARIA
- TEACHING
- LICENSES



### ENTERTAINMENT<sup>2</sup>

- FOOD
- BEVERAGES
- GIFTS



### DID YOU KNOW?

Open Payments is a result of the Physician Payment Sunshine Act, commonly referred to as the 'Sunshine Act', and was enacted through the Affordable Care Act.



Data is released to the public twice a year—  
**ON JUNE 30 AND IN JANUARY.**



### ROYALTIES<sup>2</sup>



### TRAVEL/ LODGING<sup>2</sup>



<sup>1</sup> Not in a publicly traded company. Ownership or Investment Interest is not applicable to Teaching Hospitals.

<sup>2</sup> This list is not all inclusive.

<sup>3</sup> The physician research payments total includes: 1.) Payments where the company making the payment has named a physician as the primary recipient, and 2.) Payments to a research institution or entity where a physician is named as a principal investigator on the research project (i.e. received associated research funding).



Total U.S. Dollar Value

**\$8.18**  
Billion

Total records published

**11.96**  
MillionTotal  
companies  
making payments**1,481**Total  
physicians  
with payment records**631,000**Total teaching  
hospitals  
with payment records**1,146**

Data is from 2016 and was published on June 30, 2017.

All numbers above 10,000 have been rounded.

## THREE WAYS TO VIEW OPEN PAYMENTS DATA

**SEARCH**for specific doctors, hospitals  
or companies**EXPLORE & VISUALIZE**With Data Explorer, view full sets  
& create visualizations**DOWNLOAD**

A full data set in .csv format

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