ROCKFORD ORTHOPEDIC

Dear Patient:

Thank you for choosing Rockford Orthopedic Associates for your treatment. Our physicians are among the finest in the country, contributing to research and development of pharmaceuticals, orthopedic implants, surgical instruments and medical techniques. In doing so, many of our physicians have worked under contract with medical companies providing consulting services relating to products, research and development. In return for the time and expertise devoted, he or she may have received compensation.

Currently some of our physicians have business relationships with Arthrex, Bristol Myers Squibb, Clinical Advisors, DePuy Orthopaedics, Eli Lilly, Novartis Pharmaceuticals, Smith & Nephew, Stryker and Zimmer. ROA regularly updates this list in an effort to keep it comprehensive. However, we encourage you to ask questions of our physicians and staff to ensure that you are apprised of and understand all matters related to your medical care, including new business relationships which may not yet be identified on this disclosure.

ROA uses products from these companies in the care of patients, but we also use similar products from other companies. 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.

ROA adheres to the highest ethical standards to ensure that even the appearance of a conflict of interest does not jeopardize the trust that you place in our doctors. We have adopted an internal protocol to identify, scrutinize and disclose all industry relationships to our patients, the public, and colleagues. Our standards govern how and under what circumstances ROA physicians may work with and be compensated by industry.

It is important to our office that you are aware of these relationships, while knowing that we always put the interests of our patients first and are available to answer any questions you may have about our physicians and your care.

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Patient Signature   Date

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