Doctor Promotional Activities Survey

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Q1	Do you have a doctor that you go to for most routine medical problems?	All Respondents
	Yes	79%
	No	21%
	Base	1250
Q2	Is this doctor male or female?	
	Male	67%
	Female	33%
	Base (Had Doctor in Q1)	986

Do you think it is very common, somewhat common or not at all common for pharmaceutical drug companies to do each of the following?

		Very Common	Somewhat Common	Not at all Common	Don't Know/Not Sure
Α	Give doctors free samples of their drugs	71%	15%	9%	5%
В	Pay doctors to give speeches or presentations to other doctors about diseases and their possible treatments, but NOT about any specific drugs	27%	37%	18%	18%
С	Pay doctors to give speeches or presentations to other doctors about the effectiveness of their drugs	40%	18%	14%	16%
D	Buy meals for doctors and their staffs	39%	18%	20%	15%
	Base	1250			

Some doctors take payments from drug companies in exchange for promoting the benefits of those companies' drugs to other doctors in presentations at conventions and conferences.

Do you approve or disapprove of doctors taking such payments in exchange for promoting specific drugs to other doctors?

Approve	18%
Disapprove	74%
Don't Know/Not Sure	8%

Base 1250

Over the PAST FIVE YEARS, have you been told by a doctor you saw for medical treatment that he or she has taken payments from drug companies?

Yes	2%
No	95%
Don't Know/Not Sure	3%

Base 1250

Would you feel comfortable asking a doctor who is about to prescribe a drug for you if he or she has taken payments from the drug company that manufactures that drug?

Yes	54%
No	40%
Don't Know/Not Sure	5%

Base 1250

Q7 payments they've received from a company whose drugs they are about to prescribe?

Yes	70 %
No	25%
Don't Know/Not Sure	5%
Base	1250

In general, how concerned would you be about the quality of treatment or advice you would get from a doctor who took payments from drug companies? Would you be . . .

Base

Very Concerned	37%
Somewhat Concerned	40%
Not Very Concerned	20%
Don't Know/Not Sure	3%

1250

At about what level of payments from a drug company, if any, would you feel concerned that a doctor's judgment might be influenced by the dollars he or she has taken from that company? Would you be concerned if the doctor took...

Note: Responses exclude 5% who did not know or were not sure.

As little as \$10	37%
\$500	14%
\$1,000	8%
\$5,000	8%
\$10,000	6%
\$25,000	2%
\$50,000	4%
\$100,000	7%
Not Feel Concerned at any Level	13%

1180

In your opinion, how often do you think doctors who take payments from a drug company would be biased enough by Q10 the money taken to prescribe that company's drug EVEN IF that drug was no better and/or more expensive than an alternative drug that was available? Would you say...

(READ LIST. RECORD ONE ANSWER)

Q11

Always or almost always	36%
More than half of the time	15%
About half of the time	20%
Less than half of the time	10%
Never or almost never	11%
Don't Know/Not Sure	9%

Base 1250

Now think about the doctor you see most frequently. If your doctor took payments from a drug company, how often do you think he or she would be biased enough by the money taken to prescribe that company's drug EVEN IF that drug was no better and/or more expensive than an alternative drug that was available? Would you say .

Always or almost always	26%
More than half of the time	8%
About half of the time	17%
Less than half of the time	10%
Never or almost never	29%
Don't Know/Not Sure	10%

Base (Had Doctor in Q1) 986