

United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-6200

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Via Electronic Transmission

William A. Hawkins, III
Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer
Medtronic, Inc.
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Dear Mr. Hawkins:

The United States Senate Committee on Finance (Committee) has jurisdiction over the Medicare and Medicaid programs and, accordingly, a responsibility to the more than 100 million Americans who receive health care coverage under these programs. As Ranking Member of the Committee, I have a duty to protect the health of Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries and safeguard taxpayer dollars authorized by Congress for these programs.

Over the last six years, the Committee has made inquiries into various aspects of the device industry, including consulting arrangements, and industry funding for Continuing Medical Education (CME). Along with Senator Kohl, I pushed the passage of the Physicians Payment Sunshine Act, which was signed into law this year. Still, remaining vigilant on these issues is of utmost importance.

In keeping with that commitment to remain vigilant, I would appreciate your response to the following questions and document requests. For each question, please respond by first repeating the enumerated question followed by the appropriate answer:

Please provide the requested information for the following physicians:

1) Matthew Gornet, MD	2) Stephen Humphries, MD	3) James Billys, MD	4) Curtis Dickman, MD
5) Kenneth Burkus, MD	6) Phillip Pryor, MD	7) Wade Ceola, MD	8) Chris Schaffrey, MD
9) Donald Johnson, MD	10) Steven Glassman, MD	11) Thomas Zdeblick, MD	12) Stephen Heim, MD
13) Randall Dryer, MD	14) Hallett Matthews, MD,	15) Steven Glassman, MD	16) Charles Branch, MD
17) Luis Mignucci, MD	18) Timothy Kuklo, MD	19) Michael Longley, MD	20) James Hardacker, MD

21) Perry Argires, MD	22) David Polly, MD	23) Kevin Foley, MD
24) Scott Hodges, MD	25) Daniel Riew, MD	26) John Dimar, MD
27) Stephen Ondra, MD	28) Joseph Riina, MD	29) Paul Sawin, MD
30) Juan Bartolomei, MD	31) John Small, MD	32) Joseph Stachniak, MD

For each of these physicians please provide:

- 1) The number of clinical trials conducted by the physician on behalf of Medtronic from January 2007 to present. Please include a copy of each protocol.
- 2) All financial disclosure forms filed for each physician by Medtronic to the Food and Drug Administration from January 2007 to present.
- 3) For each physician please provide the following information on payments made to the physician by Medtronic from January 2007 to present:
 - a) Date of payment;
 - b) Payment description (CME, honorarium, research support, royalties etc);
 - c) Amount of payment; and
 - d) End of year total.
- 4) Please provide all Corporate Integrity Agreements currently in effect between Medtronic and Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General.

In cooperating with the Committee's review, no documents, records, data or information related to these matters shall be destroyed, modified, removed or otherwise made inaccessible to the Committee.

I look forward to hearing from you by no later than May 13, 2010. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Paul Thacker or Brian Downey of my Committee staff at 202-224-4515. All documents responsive to this request should be sent electronically, on a disc, in searchable PDF format to Brian Downey at Brian_Downey@finance-rep.senate.gov.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Grassley
Ranking Member