

**Meyers, Robert (COE)**

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**From:** Meyers, Robert (COE)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 20, 2009 11:42 AM  
**To:** Ramos, Miriam S. (COE)  
**Subject:** RE: Follow Up, A Question & A THANK YOU!

Dear Ms. Stelman:

Miriam Ramos forwarded me your e-mail and she asked me to respond to the two questions presented by your team: 1) If you were to give a textbook to a physician, it should be listed under Publications and 2) Our rules require that food and beverage consumed at one sitting constitutes a reportable gift by the individual receiving the gift only if it exceeds \$100. There have been discussions at Jackson Health Systems to ban physicians and other employees from accepting food and beverages from vendors, but this policy has not been adopted yet.

Please feel free to contact me directly should you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

Robert Meyers, Executive Director  
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**From:** Ramos, Miriam S. (COE)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 13, 2009 7:41 AM  
**To:** Meyers, Robert (COE)  
**Subject:** FW: Follow Up, A Question & A THANK YOU!

Robert – please see below. I consider this an inquiry and think it is more appropriate for you or Ardyth to respond.

Thanks,

**Miriam S. Ramos, Esq.**  
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**Sent:** Wednesday, August 12, 2009 6:22 PM  
**To:** Ramos, Miriam S. (COE)  
**Subject:** Follow Up, A Question & A THANK YOU!

Miriam, thanks so much for your help when we spoke several weeks ago to answer my questions regarding our representatives registering as lobbyists.

From our conversation, I'd like to confirm that we only need to keep an aggregate of expenses for lunches, special programs, etc. We do not need to keep a log per individual.


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Also, I did get two questions from my team:

- For textbooks that we give to physicians, would that go under "Publications" or "Other". I just ask because I am not positive what the definition is for Publications, e.g., did it mean our support in helping a clinician with putting out a publication?
- For Food/Beverage - are there any monetary limits of which we should be aware; we have very strict rules at Abbott about this, but I want to ensure we know and follow your guidelines in case they are stricter than ours

Thanks again for all your help and your responsiveness.

Respectfully,  
Randee

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Date: 07/23/2009 12:25 PM  
Subject: Email

Good afternoon Randee:

I just received your voicemail and am sending you an email so that you have my email on file.

Thanks,

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