



### **Alberta Pharmacists' Association Position on Inducements**

The Alberta Pharmacists' Association supports the discontinuation of inducements offered in the practice of pharmacy.

It is our observation that inducements:

- Disrupt existing pharmacist/patient relationships and potentially relationships with other health team members, which are foundational to good care;
- Provide an incentive for some pharmacy clients to not comply with their medication regimen; and,
- Promote the procurement of a professional service or prescription product for personal gain at a cost to government and other third parties.

An inducement is any incentive offered by a particular pharmacy organization, owner or pharmacist to a client, or potential client, in exchange for the purchase of a professional service or prescription product.