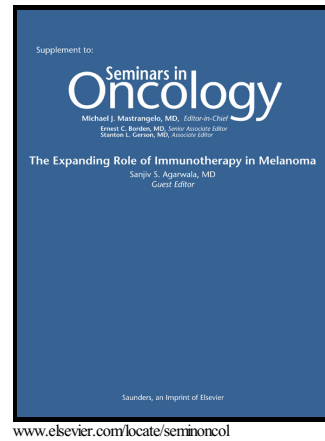


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INTRODUCTION

The pervasive financial ties between physicians and the pharmaceutical industry are often regarded as potential sources for conflict of interest (COI) and have recently come under increased public scrutiny.^{1,2} To curtail COIs, the Physician Payment Sunshine Act mandates that industry report the nature and dollar amount of financial relationships with physicians to the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services, which publishes the data in the publicly available Open Payments database. Other medical specialties have published the character of their relationship with industry.³ Our exploration of industry payments to urologists for medications treating urologic malignancies provides further insight into the physician-industry relationship.

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