

## Quality of medical research should carry more weight than source of funding

Health care professionals make hundreds of decisions a day. A small fraction of them are based on evidence from rigorous clinical trials — that is, things we...know to be true. Unfortunately, most medical decisions are based on clinical opinion....

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Patients benefit from reliable, high-quality information from clinical research regardless of whether the support is from charitable, government or commercial sources.

If the research question is an important one and the approach taken to answer it is as unbiased and appropriate as possible, the data that emerge from the research should provide a solid foundation for health care decision making, regardless of the source of funding for the research.

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High-quality research is conducted and reported in an unbiased and fully informative fashion so that readers can fully understand a trial. This requires full disclosure of the sources of funding and the financial associations of the authors.

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It is not who pays for the research, it is the trial design, execution and open reporting that lead to [research integrity](#).

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