

## Statement of Principle

The Medical Education Institute, Inc. is a nonprofit (501c3), private operating foundation. We were founded in 1993. Since that time, our mission has been:

*To help people with chronic diseases learn to manage and improve their health.*

We fulfill our mission in several ways:

- By conducting health behavior research to better understand the patient experience and the interactions between patients and their healthcare teams
- By creating educational materials—based on research and adult education principles—to empower patients to manage their health
- By distributing these educational resources at little or no cost to maximize their availability
- By working with policy-makers and providers to create patient-friendly, rehab-friendly policy

Funding for our work comes from several sources, including:

- Educational grants
- Government contracts and subcontracts
- Sponsorship and individual donations
- Fees for project-based assignments

In order to continue our work on behalf of people with chronic diseases, particularly people with chronic kidney disease, we seek and gratefully accept funding from all stakeholders in the renal community, including: pharmaceutical companies, equipment manufacturers, dialysis providers (large and small), insurance companies, disease management organizations, and professional associations.

As a nonprofit organization dependent on all these sources of funding, we recognize the need to maintain neutrality and integrity. We are committed to the highest standards of confidentiality and fairness in pursuit of our mission. We do not promote/endorse proprietary products or services. And, we adhere to the strictest confidentiality in all our business dealings.



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