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Conflict of Interest – Declaration

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Tobacco harms our body directly through use and exposure to second-hand smoke. Tobacco use harms every organ in our body. Smoking tobacco introduces not only nicotine but also more than 5000 chemicals including numerous carcinogens into our lungs, blood and organs.

The damage caused by smoking can shorten our lifespan significantly. Tobacco is considered a gateway drug and the most powerful addictive substance. Global evidence suggests that tobacco use is the leading cause of premature mortality. It prevents individuals, families, communities and nations from achieving their fullest potential and development goals. The use of tobacco begins during adolescence and experimentation during this period results in lifelong addiction. Hence the tobacco industry's approach is to target the most vulnerable period of adolescence. The tobacco industry is among the most corrupt and venal in its practices. The World Health Organization and many leading public health organizations have warned that the tobacco industries would mislead governments and communities to achieve profits by advancing their addictive products.

In this regards, Sarjug Dental College, Darbhanga strongly believes in promoting a healthy lifestyle for all by preventing tobacco use and addiction. Sarjug Dental College, Darbhanga recognizes a fundamental conflict of interest between the tobacco industry and public health.

Achieving these goals in our lifetime would require us to stay away from tobacco, alcohol, and other substances in any form.

» Sarjug Dental College, Darbhanga does not partner with any entity directly or indirectly related to and / or engaged with the tobacco industry.

» We do not partner, invest in, or get invested by organizations with interest in the tobacco industry, or those who further the agenda of tobacco companies.

» We do not and shall not accept and / or endorse any direct or indirect support from the tobacco industry neither in cash nor in kind.