

Restoring the Public Trust in the Patient-Physician Relationship

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Recently Baron RJ, et al. [1] addressed a fundamental problem underlying the physician-patient relationship --- *Trust*. While that trust has not completely eroded away, it is clear that we have our work cut out for us [2,3]. Much of the erosion is a direct result of the influence the pharmaceutical and food industry has had upon physicians and researchers [4]. To restore that trust it is important that we demonstrate a willingness to transparently discuss our data and prove its validity [5]. Only by doing so, will we be able to openly and honestly discuss research and treatment options with our patients and restore the trust, which is the foundation of the patient-physician relationship.

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