Organizing and requesting participation of Government public health staff in training programmes organized by private pharmaceutical companies

It has been brought to my notice by the Chief Epidemiologist that moves are underway by a private pharmaceutical company to organize a training programme on immunization at a private medical institution in the Maharagama area and invitations have been sent to public health staff in the Colombo District, requesting their participation.

Allowing participation of government public health staff in such training programmes organized by the private pharmaceutical companies could lead to highly detrimental repercussions on the national immunization programme, in the event of the speakers who are not conversant with national policies, expressing information, facts and opinions contradictory to the national guidelines and policies during such meetings.

In such a situation the public health staff may get confused leading to negative implications on the national programmes conducted by the government and national policy.

Therefore, please refrain from allowing public health staff to participate in training programmes organized by the private pharmaceutical companies.

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