

Directors' eGroup Policy	<i>Approved by the AUTM Board of Directors: May 19, 2016</i>
	<i>Amended by the AUTM Board of Directors:</i>

AUTM's Directors' eGroup provides a peer-to-peer networking and communications tool for AUTM members in director (or equivalent) positions in universities and colleges, teaching hospitals, nonprofit research institutions, government technology transfer programs and federal labs.

Subscribers to the Directors' eGroup must be AUTM members in good standing.

Subscriptions are restricted to:

- Directors and Interim Directors (or equivalent positions) in universities and colleges, including nonprofit research organizations formed for the sole purpose of managing a university's or college's intellectual property, teaching hospitals, nonprofit research institutions, government technology transfer programs and federal labs.
- Current, incoming and past AUTM Presidents.
- Currently serving and incoming members of AUTM's Board of Directors.
- Founding members of AUTM and AUTM emeritus members.
- Individuals authorized by any current member of AUTM's Board of Directors.

Considerations

AUTM reserves the right to unsubscribe individuals, and will not knowingly subscribe individuals to the eGroup who do not meet the above criteria. However, AUTM cannot guarantee all subscribers meet the eligibility requirements.

Individual member institutions, including university systems, are solely responsible for resolving disagreements about the subscription eligibility of their employees. If there is a disagreement, AUTM will not exclude or remove a member from the eGroup until there is agreement by all parties.

Should a member wish to appeal his or her exclusion, the member must notify AUTM headquarters in writing. The request will be provided to AUTM's Vice President for Membership, who will make a final determination of eligibility.

Authorized subscribers who are not in director positions in universities and colleges, teaching hospitals, nonprofit research institutions, government technology transfer programs and federal labs (i.e. current and incoming AUTM Board Members, past presidents, founding and emeritus members) should use the eGroup for informational purposes only and refrain from starting or contributing to conversations or posting materials.

While the AUTM Directors' eGroup is designed to provide a restricted, members' only, directors' only platform, all content and conversations should be considered public and non-confidential.

AUTM reserves the right to monitor the content of all posts to the eGroup and unsubscribe any member who violates the eGroup's rules of conduct.

Rules of Conduct

- Don't challenge or attack others. The discussions on the lists are meant to stimulate conversation not to create contention. Let others have their say, just as you may.
- Don't post commercial messages on any eGroup. Contact people directly with product and service information if you believe it would help them.
- Use caution when discussing products. Information posted on the lists is available for all to see, and comments are subject to libel, slander and antitrust laws.
- All defamatory, abusive, profane, threatening, offensive or illegal materials are strictly prohibited. Do not post anything in an eGroup message that you would not want the world to see or that you would not want anyone to know came from you.
- Please note carefully all items listed in the disclaimer and legal rules below, particularly regarding the copyright ownership of information posted to the list.
- Remember that AUTM and other list participants have the right to reproduce postings to this eGroup.
- Send your message only to the most appropriate list(s). Do not spam several lists with the same message.
- All messages must add to the body of knowledge. AUTM reserves the right to reject any message for any reason.

eGroup Etiquette

- Include a signature tag on all messages. Include your name, affiliation, location.
- State concisely and clearly the topic of your comments in the subject line. This allows members to respond more appropriately to your posting and makes it easier for members to search the archives by subject.
- Include only the relevant portions of the original message in your reply. Delete any header information, and put your response before the original posting.
- Only send a message to the entire list when it contains information that everyone can benefit from.
- Send messages such as "thanks for the information" or "me, too" to individuals--not to the entire list. Do this by using the "Reply to Sender" link to the left of every message.
- Do not send administrative messages, such as remove me from the list, through the eGroup. Instead, use the web interface to change your settings or to remove yourself from a list. If you are changing email addresses, you do not need to remove yourself from the list and rejoin under your new email address. Simply change your settings.
- Warn other list subscribers of lengthy messages either in the subject line or at the beginning of the message body with a line that says "Long Message."

Legal

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Messages should not be posted if they encourage or facilitate members to arrive at any agreement that either expressly or impliedly leads to price fixing, a boycott of another's business, or other conduct intended to illegally restrict free trade. Messages that encourage or facilitate an agreement about the following subjects are inappropriate: prices, discounts, or terms or conditions of sale; salaries; profits, profit margins, or cost data; market shares, sales territories, or markets; allocation of customers or territories; or selection, rejection, or termination of customers or suppliers.

In the event that any inappropriate posting is brought to AUTM's attention, AUTM will take all appropriate action.

AUTM reserves the right to terminate access to any user who does not abide by these guidelines.