



Bioethics Position Statement: Scientific Publications and Presentations

Position

Eli Lilly and Company endorses the time-honored tradition of scientific exchange through public disclosure of scientific information in appropriate professional venues (peer-reviewed journal articles, presentations at scientific congresses, and similar venues). Scientific disclosure (including both publications and presentations) enhances scientific innovation and evidence-based medicine, supports the Lilly values, and is vital for customer trust. However, the protection of intellectual property is also important for scientific innovation. Therefore, scientific disclosure must balance the need for public transparency with the need to secure and enforce Lilly's intellectual property, including but not limited to patents, trade secrets, data package exclusivity, and other commercially confidential information.

Lilly discloses publicly all clinical research results that are significant to patients, health care providers, or payers—whether favorable or unfavorable to a Lilly product—in an accurate, objective, and balanced manner in order for our customers to make informed decisions about our products. At a minimum, Lilly believes this ethical responsibility entails submitting for publication results from all phase 3 clinical studies and any clinical study results of significant medical importance. This is a commitment beyond our policy of posting on public websites summary results for all Lilly-sponsored clinical studies (Phase I-IV) for marketed products.

Principles

Consistent with the above position and Lilly's commitment to scientific innovation, excellence, and integrity, Lilly employees abide by the following principles when disclosing scientific information:

- adhere to the highest ethical standards
- provide answers to important and relevant scientific questions
- present data in a complete, accurate, objective, and balanced manner with no promotional intent, language, or overtones, and
- select venues and formats that are scientifically respected, valued by Lilly customers, and accessible by researchers and health care providers in the areas in which the research was conducted.

Lilly will not develop or use scientific disclosures for the purpose of promoting Lilly products outside of approved labels.
