

NEWS AND COMMUNICATIONS

A. *PHOTOGRAPHY*

Please reference the Patient Photography and Video Imaging policy in PolicyTech.

<https://vanderbilt.policytech.com/docview/?docid=10658>

B. *LOBBYING POLICY MAKERS*

VUMC's Office of Federal Relations and Office of State Government and Community Affairs (state and local government) coordinate government relations and lobbying activities in collaboration with senior leadership. No member of the VUMC community shall contact federal, state, or local officials on behalf of VUMC for purposes of lobbying or public policy advocacy without advance approval of either VUMC Office of Federal Relations or VUMC Office of State Government and Community Affairs, as determined by the level of government contact.

This policy only addresses the official representation of VUMC. Nothing in this policy is intended to restrict protected personal expression by or the rights protected by Section 7 of the NLRA of a VUMC faculty, House Staff member, or staff member including expression on behalf of a professional society or other organization, on personal time using personal resources. Furthermore, this policy is not intended to restrict a VUMC faculty, House Staff member, or staff member from identifying their profession or place of employment in the context of personal communication with a government official. However, a VUMC faculty, House Staff member, or staff member expressing personal views must make it clear that they are expressing such views and is not stating an official position of VUMC, unless previously authorized to do so. The VUMC Office of Federal Relations or VUMC Office of State Government and Community Affairs assists faculty, House Staff member and staff in drafting statements that ensure that such views are placed in the correct context.

While VUMC can engage in public policy advocacy, 501(c)(3) organizations are prohibited by law from directly or indirectly participating in, or intervening in, any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) candidates for elective public office. VUMC employees must refrain from engaging in political campaign activity while at work or utilizing VUMC resources. VUMC encourages civic engagement, and the above restriction in no way limits individuals from engaging in political activity (such as running for public office, campaign giving, endorsement of a candidate, or volunteering for a campaign) as private citizens.

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For assistance with federal lobbying efforts, contact Vice President of Federal Relations Alex Currie, alex.currie@vumc.org. <https://www.vumc.org/federal-relations/>

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