## BEST PRACTICES FOR REDUCING EXPENSES: IT STARTS WITH BEST SAVINGS

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## **TODAY'S FOCUS:**

**Credit Cards** 

**Medical Supplies** 

**Vaccines** 





### What card is in your "practice wallet?"

## Question s:

What do you purchase with your "practice wallet" card?

What is on your Merchant Services Statement?

WHAT IS YOUR NET EFFECTIVE COST FOR PROCESSING PATIENT PAYMENTS???

What is the effect on your bottom line?



















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2X POINTS ON ADVERTISING, GAS, SHIPPING

1 X POINTS ON EVERYTHING ELSE



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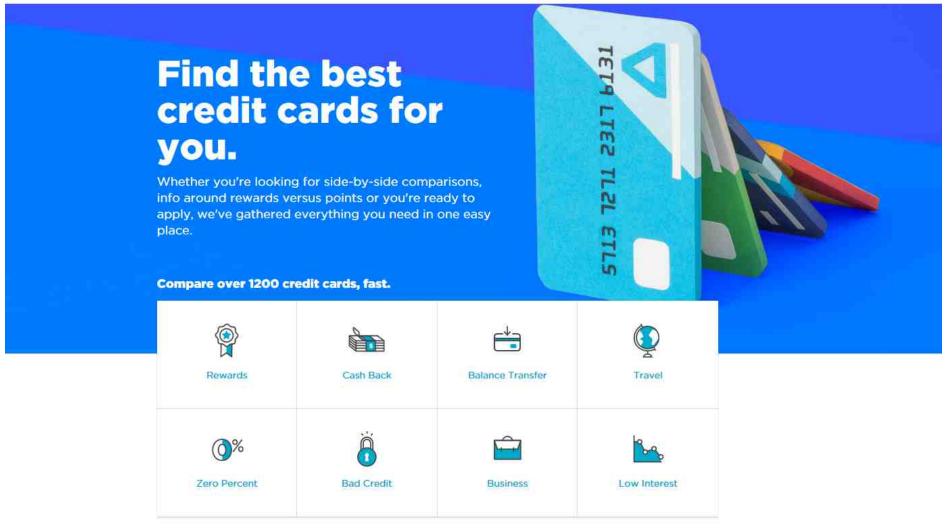












https://www.nerdwallet.com/the-best-credit-cards





# What do you purchase with your Practice

## **Credit Card?**

Vaccines \$6	500,000.00
Medical Supplies	\$150,000.00
Cell phones	\$ 2,000.00
Utilities \$	8,000.00
Clerical Supplies	\$ 10,000.00
Janitorial Supplies	\$ 5,000.00
Dues	\$ 3,000.00
Other(Travel, CME, Entertainment)	\$ 5,000.00
Total:	\$783,000.00





**Total Spending:** \$783,000.00

1.0% Cash Back Rate:

1.5% Cash Back Rate:

**2% SPARKS CARD** 

\$ 7,830.00

\$11,745.00







## What is on your Merchant Services Statement?

## WHAT IS YOUR NET EFFECTIVE COST FOR PROCESSING PATIENT PAYMENTS???





## FEES! FEES! FEES!

**Interchange Fees** 

**PCI Non Compliance Fees** 

**Processing Fees** 

**Transaction Fees** 

**Monthly Service Fees** 

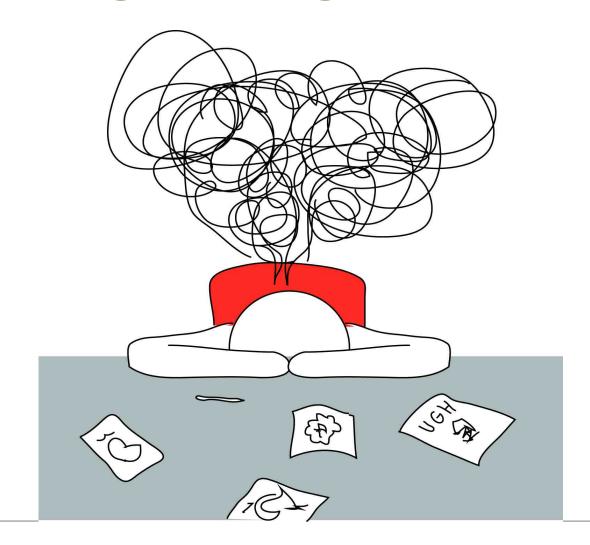
**Compliance Program Fees** 

**Merchant Advantage Fees** 

**Regulatory Fees** 

**Association Fees** 

**Access Fees** 







## Where do the Fees come from?

Credit Card Issuers: VISA, MC, AMEX, DISCOVER

CREDIT CARD PROCESSER

ACCOUNT VENDOR

YOUR PRACTICE

**Interchange Fees** 

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## **Interchange Fees**

Standard fees charged by credit card issuers when card is used:

Card Present: <u>1.55% - 2% based on card</u>

Card NOT Present: 2.4% - 2.6% based on card

**Debit Card:** <u>0.5%</u>





## PCI NON-COMPLIANCE FEES

Fees charged for not having your credit card system security checked and verified.





## WHAT IS PCI?

## Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI DSS)

A set of security standards designed to ensure that ALL companies that accept, process, store or transmit credit card information maintain a secure environment.





## QUESTIONS

- IS MY NETWORK PCI COMPLIANT?
- HOW DO I ELIMINATE PCI NON-COMPLIANCE FEES?





## PCI ACTION PLAN

Contact your credit card vendor for information to complete PCI questionnaire / make corrections.





## FEES ELIMINATED!

## NETWORK SECURITY CONFIRMED!







#### THE REST OF THE FEES!

08/02/17	IC	JUL BB169-TRAN CLEARED AS SMALL TICKET DEBIT/PREPAID VI 2	-0.50
08/02/17	IC	JUL BB080-TRANSACTION CLEARED AT SIGNATURE PREFERRED CP VI 55	-37.69
08/02/17	IC	JUL BB216-TRANSACTION CLEARED OTHER THAN PRICED INF VI 1	-0.42
08/02/17	IC	JUL BB163-TRAN CLEARED AT CHECK CARD DEBIT/PREPAID VI 13	-14.29
08/02/17	IC	JUL BB504-TRANSACTION CLEARED AS COMMERCIAL ELECTRONIC DI 1	-1.65
08/02/17	SC	VISA KILOBYTE TRANSACTION FEE 128 KILOBYTES AT .025000	-3.20
08/02/17	SC	MASTERCARD KILOBYTE TRANS FEE 24 KILOBYTES AT .025000	-0.60
08/02/17	SC	VI BASE II SYSTEM FILE FEE 199 TRANSACTIONS AT .001800	-0.35
08/02/17	SC	MASTERCARD SALES TRANS FEE 13 TRANSACTIONS AT .050000	-0.65
08/02/17	SC	VISA SALES TRANS FEE 97 TRANSACTIONS AT .050000	-4.85
08/02/17	SC	DISCOVER SALES TRANS FEE 5 TRANSACTIONS AT .050000	-0.25
08/02/17	SC	MC SALES DEBIT TRANS FEE 29 TRANSACTIONS AT .050000	-1.45
08/02/17	SC	VI SALES DEBIT TRANS FEE 93 TRANSACTIONS AT .050000	-4.65
08/02/17	SC	DISCOVER SALES DISCOUNT .015000 DISC RATE TIMES \$173.83	-2.61
08/02/17	SC	DISCOVER DATA USAGE FEE 5 TRANSACTIONS AT .050000	-0.25
08/02/17	SC	MASTERCARD SALES DISCOUNT .015000 DISC RATE TIMES \$385.00	-5.78
08/02/17	SC	VISA SALES DISCOUNT .015000 DISC RATE TIMES \$2,728.15	-40.92
08/02/17	SC	MC LICENSE VOLUME FEE .000176 DISC RATE TIMES \$1,376.83	-0.24
08/02/17	SC	MASTERCARD DEBIT SALES DISC .009900 DISC RATE TIMES \$991.83	-9.82
08/02/17	SC	VISA DEBIT SALES DISCOUNT .009900 DISC RATE TIMES \$2,907.79	-28.79
08/02/17	FEE	VISA NETWORK FEE CP 1B-04	-5.40
08/02/17	FEE	VISA NETWORK FEE CNP 2-05	-2.69
08/02/17	FEE	MC MERCH MONTHLY LOCATION FEE	-2.25
08/02/17	FEE	BATCH SETTLEMENT FEE 20 TRANSACTIONS AT .200000	-4.00
08/02/17	FEE	VI TRANSACTION INTEGRITY FEE 2 TRANSACTIONS AT .100000	-0.20
08/02/17	FEE	MONTHLY STATEMENT FEE	-7.50
08/02/17	FEE	NON-RECEIPT OF PCI VALIDATION 1 TRANSACTIONS AT 39.950000	-39.95
08/02/17	FEE	NETWORK AUTHORIZATION FEE 5 TRANSACTIONS AT .007500	-0.04
08/02/17	FEE	MC NETWORK ACCESS AUTH FEE 42 TRANSACTIONS AT .150000	-6.30
08/02/17	FEE	MASTERCARD 950 AUTH FEE 44 TRANSACTIONS AT .050000	-2.20
08/02/17	FEE	ACQUIRER PROCESSOR FEE CREDIT 99 TRANSACTIONS AT .019500	-1.93
08/02/17	FEE	ACQUIRER PROCESSOR FEE DB/PP 108 TRANSACTIONS AT .019500	-2.11
08/02/17	FEE	VISA 950 AUTH FEE 211 TRANSACTIONS AT .050000	-10.55
08/02/17	FEE	DISCOVER 950 AUTH FEE 5 TRANSACTIONS AT .050000	-0.25

Total





Date

Type

Description

## WHAT IS YOUR NET EFFECTIVE PERCENTAGE

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#### **FEES CHARGED**

Date	Туре	Description	Volume	Rate	Total
		Total Card Fees			-922.06
11/30/17	MISC	RETURNS	Ť.	0.2000	-0.20
11/30/17	MISC	CARDPOINTE FEE			-0.20 -35,00
11/30/17	MISC	REGULATORY PRODUCT			-3.50
11/30/17	MISC	PCI NON COMP FEE			-19.95
11/30/17	MISC	DATA BREACH			-8.95
11/30/17	MISC	ECOMMERCE			-10.00
		Total Miscellaneous Fees			-77.60

Total (Miscellaneous Fees and Card Fees)

Fee Type Legend

MISC = Miscellaneous Fees CF = Card Fees



TAX GROSS REPORTABLE SALES BY TIN

Total dollar amount of aggregate reportable payment card transactions funded and third party network transactions, for each participating payee, without regard to any adjustments for credits, cash equivalents, discount amount, fees, refunded amounts, or any other amounts per respective tax identification number.

Month	Description	Total
NOV	Gross Reportable Sales - TIN X>	\$24,270.13

**PCI Fees Total Fees Total Charges For Month** Net **Payment** 

**Rate 4.1%** 

-\$999.67





#### INTERCHANGE FEES ALL OTHER FEES

	Number of Transactions	Monthly Volume	Average Tickel	Annual Volume
Visa	982	\$43,497.51	\$44.29	\$521,970.12
Mastercard	701	\$27,688.59	\$39.50	\$332,263.08
Discover	23	\$858.02	\$37.31	\$10,296.24
Amex	44	\$3,319.39	\$75.44	\$39,832.68
Pin Debit	4	\$149.97	\$37.49	\$1,799.64
Totals	1754	\$75,513.48	\$43.05	\$906,161.76

Fee's Paid \$4,428.84

Effective Rate 6.22%

Average Interchange

Cost

1.467 %

Total for All
Other Fees
4.75%

## WHAT IS A GOOD NET EFFECTIVE PAYMENT RATE?

1.9% -2.2%

## WHERE CAN I GET THE BEST RATES?





#### STATEMENT ANALYSIS AND RATE COMPARISON

Hometown Pediatric Associates			F. Vois						
TOTAL VOLUME	\$	62,838.88	150	┛ 7 Tot	al number of tra	nsactions			
AVERAGE TICKET	\$	41.70							
	Current Proce	essor				Paymen	t Pr	os Network	
	V	olume	% Rate		Total Fee	% Rate		Total Fee	
PROCESSING FEES									
VISA	\$	15,386.81	1.509	% \$	230.80	0.10%	\$	15.39	
VISA Debit	\$	29,741.27	0.999	% \$	294.44	0.10%	\$	29.74	
MasterCard	\$	7,338.98	1.509	% \$	110.08	0.10%	\$	7.34	
MasterCard Debit	\$	9,387.85	0.999	% \$	92.94	0.10%	\$	9.39	
Discover	\$	983.97	1.509	% \$	14.76	0.10%	\$	0.98	
	TOTAL			\$	743.02		\$	62.84	\$ (680.1
ASSOCIATION FEES									
Interchange				\$	955.15		\$	955.15	
VISA/MasterCard/Discover Access Fees				\$	119.25		\$	119.25	ĺ
	TOTAL			\$	1,074.40		\$	1,074.40	\$ -
AUTHORIZATION FEES									
Visa/MC/Discover		1507	\$ 0.05	\$	75.35	\$ 0.10	\$	150.70	1
Visa/MC/Discover Transaction Fee		1467	\$ 0.05	\$	73.35	\$ -	\$	£.	
MasterCard Network Access		335	\$ 0.15	\$	50.25	\$ -	\$	Ĕ	
Batch		134	\$ 0.20	\$	26.80	\$ -	\$	+	
	TOTAL			\$	225.75		\$	150.70	\$ (75.0
ADDITIONAL FEES									
Monthly Service Fee				\$	7.50		\$	5.00	
PCI Non Compliance Fee				\$	39.95		\$	÷ .	
IRS Regulatory Fee				\$	-		\$	3.95	
Virtual Terminal Monthly Fee				\$	5.00		\$	5.00	
	TOTAL			\$	52.45		\$	13.95	\$ (38.5
тот	AL FEES			\$	2,095.63		\$	1,301.89	
EFFECTIV	/E RATE		.a. J		3.33%			2.07%	
Analys	sis notes	14.4		MC	NTHLY SAVINGS		\$	793.74	
Lower credit rates from 1.50% down to	0.10%			% 0	OF SAVINGS			38%	
Lower debit rates from 0.99% down to	0.10%			1 Y	EAR SAVINGS		\$	9,524.83	
Remove MasterCard Network Access A	uth Fees of \$0.15	each each		3 Y	EAR SAVINGS		\$	28,574.49	
Remove Batch Fees of \$0.20 each									
Remove PCI Non Compliance Fee									

Analysis was based on November 2017 statement

## "PRICELESS"

• Practice Wallet Savings: \$15,660.00

• Card Processing Savings: \$ 9,524.83

• Total Savings:









## ONE FINAL NOTE

Remember the words of a very wise advisor:

"Do not sign with a credit card vendor that will not sign a **BAA** with your practice."

Chip Hart





## Medical Supply Price Analysis

## Beyond the Total Dollars Spent Beyond the Percent of Overhead





## What Are You Paying For Medical Supplies?

#### **Usual Answers:**

9%, 10%, 15% of Overhead.

There is a sense of "SATISFACTION" if the percentage is in the normal range or below normal range for pediatric practices





## The Real Question:

Am I getting the best prices?





#### **AVOIDING THE COMMON**

- 1. DO NOT FOCUS ON ONE ITEM!
- 2. Beware of "Lost Leaders" and "Introductory Pricing."
- 3. Failing to monitor prices changes over time. <u>"The \$8.00</u> box of gloves on your January price list is \$11.00 in June."
- 4. USING OUT OF DATE PRICING FOR THE ANALYSIS
- 5. FAILING TO USE WEIGHTED COSTS
- 6. FAILING TO CONFIRM ALL LOCATIONS PAYING THE SAME PRICE!





## **MONITOR PRICE CHANGE OVER TIME**

	SUPER DUPER PEDIATRICS SUPPLY ANALYSIS					
Item #	Description	PO Date	PO Qty		PRICE PER UNIT	comments
150677	URINE TEST STRIP, MULTISTIX 10SG 2161 (100/VL=EA)	1/4/2017	1	EA	62.15	5 different
150677	URINE TEST STRIP, MULTISTIX 10SG 2161 (100/VL=EA)	2/25/2017	1	EA	62.15	prices for
150677	URINE TEST STRIP, MULTISTIX 10SG 2161 (100/VL=EA)	4/12/2017	1	EA	64.58	same item
150677	URINE TEST STRIP, MULTISTIX 10SG 2161 (100/VL=EA)	6/1/2017	1	EA	65.29	
150677	URINE TEST STRIP, MULTISTIX 10SG 2161 (100/VL=EA)	8/2/2017	1	EA	68.86	
191089	PAD, ALCOHOL PREP STR MED (200/BX)	1/4/2017	5	ВХ	1.48	
191089	PAD, ALCOHOL PREP STR MED (200/BX)	2/25/2017	2	ВХ	2.92	
191089	PAD, ALCOHOL PREP STR MED (200/BX)	4/12/2017	5	вх	2.92	
330696	DIAPER, NWBRN HOSP TO10LB (20/PK 12PK/CS)	1/4/2017	1	PK	0.66	
330696	DIAPER, NWBRN HOSP TO10LB (20/PK 12PK/CS)	4/12/2017	1	PK	2.61	
373772	SPONGE, GZE 2"X2" 8PLY N/S (200/BX)	1/4/2017	4	ВХ	1.09	
373772	SPONGE, GZE 2"X2" 8PLY N/S (200/BX)	2/25/2017	4	ВХ	2.39	
396	NEEDLE, HYPO 25GX5/8" (100/BX)	2/25/2017	1	ВХ	8.57	
396	NEEDLE, HYPO 25GX5/8" (100/BX)	4/12/2017	2	ВХ	10.78	





## THE PROCESS

- GATHER ONE YEAR OF PURCHASE DATA
- PREPARE UTILIZATION / PRICING GRID
- ENTER COMPETITORS PRICING IN GRID
- EVALUATE END RESULTS: FOCUS ON THE BOTTOM LINE





### **FULL WEIGHTED ANALYSIS**

					Current Price	ABC Price	
Description	QTY	UOM	<b>Current Price</b>	ABC Supply	Extended	Extended	Savings
Container, Sharp;s Coll Horiz Red 5 QT	40	EA	\$ 7.01	\$ 3.26	\$ 280.40	\$ 130.40	\$ 150.00
SPONGE, GZE NS 8PLY 2X2" (200/BX)	28	EA	\$ 2.39	\$ 1.08	\$ 66.92	\$ 30.24	\$ 36.68
ADHESIVE, SKIN DERMABOND ADV (12/BX)	4	EA	\$ 43.28	\$ 32.26	\$ 173.12	\$ 129.04	\$ 44.08
DEXAMETHASONE SOD, MDV 10MG/ML	2	EA	\$ 14.85	\$ 18.21	\$ 29.70	\$ 36.42	\$ (6.72)
PAPER, TABLE SMTH ECON WHT 18"X225' (12RL/CS)	32	cs	\$ 37.99	\$ 32.99	\$ 1,215.68	\$ 1,155.68	\$ 160.00
CLOVE EVAN NITDL DE TEVT MED (400/DV 40DV/CC)	7.5	DV	¢ 9.00	¢ 425	¢ 600.00	¢ 226.25	¢ 272.75
GLOVE, EXAM NITRL PF TEXT MED (100/BX 10BX/CS)	/5	вх	\$ 8.00	\$ 4.35	\$ 600.00	\$ 326.25	\$ 273.75
BANDAGE, ADHSV CANDY LAND 3/4X3"	15	вх	\$ 5.91	\$ 4.41	\$ 88.65	\$ 66.15	\$ 22.50
PAPER, TABLE SMTH 14 1/2"X225'(12/CS)	25	cs	\$ 53.31	\$ 30.90	\$ 1,332.75	\$ 772.50	\$ 560.25
ACETAMINOPHEN, SUSP CHLD 160MG/5ML 4OZ	40	EA	\$ 3.79	\$ 3.08	\$ 45.48	\$ 36.96	\$ 8.52
ACLIANINOFILIA, SOOF CITED TOUNG/SINE 402	12	LA	ψ 3.13	ψ 3.00	Ψ 40.40	ψ 30.30	Ψ 0.52
WIPE, BABY UNSCENTED (72/PK 12PK/CS)	60	PK	\$ 3.22	\$ 1.68	\$ 193.20	\$ 100.80	\$ 92.40
					\$ 30,959.04	\$ 24,329.15	\$ 6,629.89
						<mark>% Savings</mark>	21%





## FINDING THE BEST PRICES

## CONSIDER GPO'S / MSO'S TO GET GROUP SAVINGS





## **KEYS TO SUCCESS**

- MONITOR PRICES OVER TIME
- LOOK FOR ALTERNATIVE PRODUCTS
- DO NOT BE FOOLED BY "LOST LEADER PRICING"
- PAY INVOICES WITH CREDIT CARD!!!!
- GPO'S / MSO'S FOR GROUP SAVINGS





# Vaccines Purchasing How to Maximize Your Savings





## What are Vaccine GPO's?

Organizations that AGGREGATE VACCINE SALES to many physicians to provide volume discount pricing.

Federal Government determines this discount price and GPO's CANNOT sell vaccines below this price set point.





## **Pricing Terms**

- Direct Catalog Price
- GPO Discount
- Product / Vax Max Discounts
- Product Pay Discounts
- On-Line ordering discount
- Federal Excise Tax
- On-Line ordering discount
- Invoice pricings / final discount pricing







### **HOW THEN ARE GPO'S DIFFERENT?**

- 1. PARTICIPATION RULES
- 2.REBATES





## **Participation Rules**

- 1. "Rebate Year"
- 2. "Rebate Payment Date"
- 3. "Purchasing Levels"
- 4. "Member in Good Standing"
- 5. "Purchasing ratios"





## **GPO REBATES**

- All GPO's are given "administrative funds" by Sanofi Merck and GSK to operate.
- GPO's decide how to use these funds
- Administrative costs
- Profits
- Rebates to Providers.
- How much does your GPO "Rebate" to you?





## **SUMMARY**

- ENROLL IN A VACCINE GPO: Choose the GPO with the highest REBATE
- FOR SANOFI AND MERCK: ORDER ON LINE USING THE SANOFI WEBSITE: SAVINGS OF 1 %
- PROMPT PAY DISCOUNT: SAVINGS OF 2%
- PAY WITH A CREDIT CARD: SAVINGS OF 2%





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## QUESTIONS?



