



Program Eligibility Criteria for CCS Accreditation

The Canadian Cardiovascular Society (CCS) is an accredited provider of continuing professional development (CPD) for the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC). Accredited providers approve activities that satisfy the standards for group events (Section 1) and self-assessment programs (Section 3) of the Maintenance of Certification (MOC) program. As an accredited provider, the CCS seeks to foster knowledge translation through CPD by developing, co-developing, and accrediting a range of programs for the cardiovascular professional community.

The CCS aligns its practices with the ethical and educational standards of the MOC program. As such, the CCS follows the RCPSC processes for program development so that all CCS-accredited programs are:

- Needs-assessment and target audience-driven
- Physician/member-relevant and physician/member driven
- Evidence-based
- Free of industry bias
- Aligned with best practices in adult learning.

Programs must promote interaction between participants and faculty, have defined start and end dates, require registration and proof of completion, and involve CCS members in development, dissemination and delivery. Examples of typical CCS Section 1 and Section 3 accredited programs include the following:

- National and regional conferences and symposia
- Workshops
- Online group and self-assessment programs

The CCS focuses on accrediting comprehensive, interactive programs as opposed to stand-alone resources or supporting materials. Examples of resources that *do not fit* the CCS model for accredited programs include the following:

- Journal articles
- Posters
- *Slide kits (static, industry-developed, off-the-shelf packages of presentation materials intended for dissemination by sales representatives and/or other non-CCS members)
- Pocket reference cards

*Note: From time to time CCS member physician groups may develop slide presentations that are intended for small group learning among cardiovascular professionals – delivered by physicians to physicians. When applications are made to the CCS for accreditation of this type of resource, the CCS Accreditation Assessors will review the development process, content and dissemination strategy against RCPSC accreditation policies to determine whether the resource is eligible for accreditation.

For more information about the CCS Accreditation Program, please contact the CCS Accreditation Specialist at (613) 569-3407 or at cpd@ccs.ca.
