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Application for Accreditation of a Self-Assessment Program (SAP) (Section 3)

Section 3 of the Framework of Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Options of the Maintenance of Certification program (MOC)

Self-assessment programs are designed to assess knowledge or the application of knowledge in specific areas, topics or domains. Self-assessment programs use structured formats, such as multiple-choice or short-answer questions, that may include a clinical scenario, and require participants to select the appropriate response. Participants receive feedback on the answers they selected to provide opportunities to identify areas for improvement and future learning.

Important information before submitting this application to CCS:

- The CCS CPD department must have previously received and approved your **letter of intent** for the development of this SAP program. For more information on the letter of Intent approval process, please contact us at CPD@ccs.ca
- Self-assessment programs approved under Section 3 must be developed or co-developed by a [physician organization](#), if you have questions please contact us.

Application steps:

- Refer to the [Royal College CPD Accredited Standards Self-Assessment programs \(Section 3\)](#) as you complete this application and prepare the supporting documentation.
- The application form must be completed and submitted to the CCS with all necessary requirements and supporting documentation at least 8 weeks in advance of the intended date to advertise the CPD program.
- CCS will review the application and respond to the physician organization within 10 working days.
- A summary of the review will be emailed to the physician organization/SPC chair including the outcome of the assessment of the CPD activity, the number of accredited hours, and the CPD activity accreditation statement that must appear on all accredited CPD activity program materials and certificates of participation.

Additional considerations:

- MOC section 3- Accredited Self-Assessment Programs are accredited for a maximum of three years from the start date of the activity.
- Accreditation will not be granted retroactively.
- The physician organization that developed the activity is responsible for maintaining all records (including attendance records) for a 5-year period.

Before you submit your application – have you completed and attached the following?

Has evidence of SPC member involvement (ex: meeting minutes, emails, etc.) been provided?

Has a needs assessment been completed? Attach a summary and [needs assessment mapping tool](#)

Have you attached the overall and module-specific learning objectives? *Note: each objective must be linked to a minimum of two (2) [CanMEDs roles](#)*

Have you included an outline of the program topics and module activities along with an estimated time to complete the activities?

- Have you attached all materials that will be used to promote or advertise the activity (for example, invitations, email announcements etc.?) (If applicable)
- Have you attached the sponsorship and/or exhibitor prospectus developed to solicit sponsorship/exhibitors for the activity (if applicable)?
- If sponsorship or third-party support has been received for this activity, have you attached the written agreement(s) that is signed by the physician organization and the sponsor/organization?
- Does the activity budget shows receipt and expenditure of all sources of revenue for this activity including:
 - A list of funding sources, including an indication of whether sponsorship was received in an educational grant or in-kind support?
 - A list of expenditures?
 - The expected number of registrants?
- Have you attached the template for the certificate of attendance that will be provided to the participants? *Remember that physician organization must maintain attendance records for five years. See [Administrative Standard 3](#) for required elements.*
- Do the evaluation form include:
 - A question on whether the stated learning objectives were met?
 - A question for participants to identify the potential impact to their practice?
 - A question for participants to identify if the session was balanced and free from commercial or other inappropriate bias?
 - A question on which CanMEDS Roles were addressed during the activity?

Have you attached the completed [conflict of interest forms](#) of the SPC and an outline of the process for the collection, management, and disclosure of conflicts of interests for all other content creators/deliverers. Does this also include a description of how this information is disclosed to participants? *Required regardless of how the activity is funded. Note: it is the SPC's responsibility to collect and review the COIs of any content creators, speakers, moderators, etc.*

Have you attached a copy of the answer sheet for the assessment tool that allows participants to demonstrate knowledge, skills, clinical judgment or attitudes and shows how feedback will be provided to the participants (See question Part B – 9)

Have you provided an opportunity for participants to reflect on their learning?
[see: example Reflective Tool](#)

Has the Chair of the SPC and PO representative attested that he/she agrees with the content provided in the application package? – see [CCS SPC & Physician Organization Disclosure Form](#)

The Royal College has created a [CPD activity toolkit](#) to help developers of educational activities who want to create quality programs. Each topic in the toolkit includes explanations, practical examples and other resources.

- [Needs assessment](#)
- [Creating learning objectives](#)
- [Educational delivery methods](#)
- [Evaluations](#)
- [Web-based CPD events](#)
- [Relationships with speakers and sponsors](#)
- [Sample Certificate of Attendance](#)

<https://www.royalcollege.ca/ca/en/cpd/accreditation-continuing-professional-development-cpd-activities/cpd-activity-toolkit.html>

Attach the following documentation to the application form:

Attachment 1	SPC Meeting Minutes or other evidence of involvement (emails, recordings, etc.)
Attachment 2	Website details for review: url, login and password (for overall program)
Attachment 3	(a) the program agenda/module topics and (b) if applicable, any other materials to promote or advertise the activity (ex: invitations, email announcements)
Attachment 4	Completed COI Disclosure forms for all SPC members.
Attachment 5	(a) The (summarized) needs assessment results and (b) completed CCS mapping tool .
Attachment 6	The template evaluation form(s) developed for this activity.
Attachment 7	The budget for this activity that details the receipt and expenditure of all sources of revenue
Attachment 8	The template certificate of attendance that will be provided to participants.
Attachment 9	The sponsorship and/or exhibitor prospectus developed to solicit sponsorship/exhibitors for the activity (if applicable).
Attachment 10	A copy of the answer sheet for the assessment tool that allows participants to demonstrate knowledge, skills, clinical judgment or attitudes and shows how feedback will be provided to the participants
Attachment 11	If sponsorship has been received for this activity, attach the written agreement that is signed by the physician organization and the sponsor
Attachment 12	If applicable, signed agreements with any third-party organizations
Attachment 13	Signed CCS SPC & Physician Organization Declaration Form
Attachment 14	Reflective Tool for participants

Activity Information

Date of application: (dd/mm/yyyy)			
Title of self-assessment program:			
Activity start date: (dd/mm/yyyy)		Activity end date: (dd/mm/yyyy)	
Delivery method of self-assessment program:	<input type="checkbox"/> Web-based <input type="checkbox"/> Face-to-face <input type="checkbox"/> Both web-based and face-to-face		
Website details for review:	URL:	Login:	Password:
How many times will this activity be held?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4+	Estimated # of participants:	
Has the program been previously accredited?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, when was it reviewed?	
If yes, by which CPD accreditation system?			
How many hours are required to complete the program?			

PART A: Administrative Standards

Name of physician organization that developed the self-assessment program			
1. Name and contact information for physician organization requesting accreditation:	Name of physician organization:		
	Address:		
	Email:	Telephone #:	
	Website address:		
2. Contact information for main point-of-contact	First Name:	Last Name:	
	Address:		
	Email:	Telephone#:	
3. Name and contact information for Scientific Planning Committee Chair: (If different from above)	First Name:	Last Name:	
	Email:	Telephone #:	
	Address:		

4. Name and contact information for organization <i>co-developing the activity</i> <i>– only applicable if activity was co-developed:</i>	Name of organization:	
	Address:	
	Email:	Telephone #:

5. Is the co-developing organization a physician organization?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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6. Will the physician organization maintain attendance records for 5 years?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Content development

7. Was the content developed by the applying physician organization?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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<i>If no, who developed the content?</i>	
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8. Scientific planning committee members (SPC)

Complete the table below. Include it as an attachment if you have this information already available electronically.

Name of SPC member	How does the individual represent target audience?	Is the individual a member of the physician organization responsible for planning the CPD activity?
Example: Jane Smythe, MD	Endocrinologist	Yes

PART B: Educational Standards

1. What is the intended target audience of the activity:				
2. What needs assessment strategies were used to identify the learning needs (perceived and/or unperceived) of the target audience? <i>Examples might include: surveys of potential participants, literature reviews, healthcare data, and assessment of knowledge, competence or performance of potential participants.</i>				
3. What learning needs or gap(s) in knowledge, attitudes, skills or performance of the intended target audience did the scientific planning committee identify for this activity?				
4. How were the identified needs of the target audience used to develop the overall and session-specific learning objectives? <i>For example:</i>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Did the scientific planning committee share the needs assessment results with the speakers who are responsible for developing the learning objectives?</i> • <i>Did the scientific planning committee use the needs assessment results to define the learning objectives for the speakers?</i> 				
5. CanMEDS Role(s) relevant to this activity? <i>Check all that apply</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Medical Expert	<input type="checkbox"/> Collaborator	<input type="checkbox"/> Health Advocate	<input type="checkbox"/> Scholar
	<input type="checkbox"/> Communicator	<input type="checkbox"/> Leader	<input type="checkbox"/> Professional	
6. Describe the key knowledge areas or themes assessed by this self-assessment program				
7. State the sources of information selected by the scientific planning committee to develop the content of this activity (e.g. scientific literature, clinical practice guidelines, etc.)				
8. What learning methods were selected to help the CPD activity meet the stated learning objectives? Describe the rationale for the selected format (e.g. multiple-choice questions, short answer questions, etc.) to enable participants to review their current knowledge or skills in relation to current scientific evidence				

9. Describe the process that that allows participants to demonstrate or apply knowledge, skills, clinical judgment or attitudes. (e.g. through the creation of an answer sheet and scoring or web based assessment tools) and record their answers? <i>Attach a copy of the answer sheet for the assessment tool that allows participants to demonstrate knowledge, skills, clinical judgment or attitudes and shows how feedback will be provided to the participants</i>	
10. How will feedback be provided to participants on their performance to enable the identification of any areas requiring improvement through the development of a future learning plan?	
11. Does the program provide participants with references justifying the appropriate answer	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
12. Describe how the references are provided to participants	
13. How will the overall learning activity and each individual module (if applicable) be evaluated by participants?	
14. (Optional) If the evaluation strategy intends to measure changes in knowledge, skills or attitudes of learners, please describe:	
15. (Optional) If the evaluation strategy intends to measure improved health care outcomes, please describe.	

PART C: Ethical Standards

All activities accredited after January 1, 2018 must comply with the National Standard for support of Accredited CPD Activities. The [National Standard](#) applies to all situations where financial and in-kind support is accepted to contribute to the development, delivery and/or evaluation of accredited CPD activities.

1. [Has the CPD activity been sponsored by one or more sponsors?](#)

Yes No

2. [If yes, have the terms, conditions and purposes by which sponsorship is provided been documented in a written agreement that is signed by the physician organization and the sponsor? \(Attach a sample\)](#)

3. If sponsorship has been received, please check all sources of sponsorship that apply

<input type="checkbox"/> Government agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Health care facility	<input type="checkbox"/> Not-for-profit organization	<input type="checkbox"/> Medical device company	<input type="checkbox"/> Pharmaceutical company	<input type="checkbox"/> Education or communications company
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Other
Please specify

4. [If yes, please list the name of the sponsor\(s\) below and indicate whether the sponsor provided financial or in-kind support \(should you require more space, attach a new page\).](#)

Sponsor name	Type of support		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Financial support Amount received or anticipated to receive:	<input type="checkbox"/> In-kind support Amount received or anticipated to receive:	<input type="checkbox"/> For-profit sponsor or <input type="checkbox"/> Non-profit sponsor
	<input type="checkbox"/> Financial support Amount received or anticipated to receive:	<input type="checkbox"/> In-kind support Amount received or anticipated to receive:	<input type="checkbox"/> For-profit sponsor or <input type="checkbox"/> Non-profit sponsor
	<input type="checkbox"/> Financial support Amount received or anticipated to receive:	<input type="checkbox"/> In-kind support Amount received or anticipated to receive:	<input type="checkbox"/> For-profit sponsor or <input type="checkbox"/> Non-profit sponsor
	<input type="checkbox"/> Financial support Amount received or anticipated to receive:	<input type="checkbox"/> In-kind support Amount received or anticipated to receive:	<input type="checkbox"/> For-profit sponsor or <input type="checkbox"/> Non-profit sponsor

5. [Describe the process by which the SPC maintained control over the CPD program elements including:](#)

- the identification of the educational needs of the intended target audience; development of learning objectives;
- selection of educational methods;
- selection of speakers, moderators, facilitators and authors;
- development and delivery of content; and
- evaluation of outcomes

6. Describe the process used to develop content for this activity that is scientifically valid, objective, and balanced across relevant therapeutic options.
7. How were those responsible for developing or delivering content informed that any description of therapeutic options must utilize generic names (or both generic and trade names) and not reflect exclusivity and branding?
8. All accredited CPD activities must comply with the National Standard for support of accredited CPD activities. If the scientific planning committee identifies that the content of the CPD activity does not comply with the ethical standards, what process would be followed? How would the issue be managed?
9. How are the scientific planning committee members' conflicts of interest declarations collected and disclosed to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The physician organization? • To the learners attending the CPD activity?
10. How are the speakers', authors', moderators', facilitators' and or/authors' conflicts of interest information collected and disclosed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The scientific planning committee? • To the learners attending the CPD activity?
11. If a conflict of interest is identified, what are the scientific planning committee's methods to manage potential of real conflicts of interests
12. How are payments of travel, lodging, out-of-pocket expenses, and honoraria made to members of the scientific planning committee, speakers, moderators, facilitators and/or authors? If the responsibility for these payments is delegated to a third party, please describe how the physician organization or SPC retains overall accountability for these payments.
13. How has the physician organization ensured that their interactions with sponsors have met professional and legal standards including the protection of privacy, confidentiality, copyright and contractual law regulations?
14. How has the physician organization ensured that product specific advertising, promotional materials or other branding strategies have not been included on, appear within, or be adjacent to any educational materials, activity agendas, programs or calendars of events, and/or any webpages or electronic media containing educational material?
15. What arrangements were used to separate commercial exhibits or advertisements in a location that is clearly and completely separated from the accredited CPD activity?

16. If incentives were provided to participants associated with an accredited CPD activity, how were these incentives reviewed and approved by the physician organization?

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17. What strategies were used by the scientific planning committee or the physician organization to prevent the scheduling of unaccredited CPD activities occurring at time and locations where accredited activities were scheduled?

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PART D: Declaration

As the chair of the scientific planning committee, I accept responsibility for the accuracy of the information provided in response to the questions listed on this application, and to the best of my knowledge, I certify that the following standards have been met in developing this program:

- [Royal College CPD Accredited Standards Self-Assessment programs \(Section 3\)](#)
- [CMA's guidelines, entitled, CMA Policy: Guidelines for Physicians in Interactions with Industry \(2007\)](#), and
- The [National Standard for Support of Accredited CPD Activities](#)

I Agree By clicking " I agree" you are agreeing to the declaration stated above

Name:

Date:
(dd/mm/yyyy)

PART E: CPD accreditation agreements

The Royal College has several international CPD accreditation agreements. These agreements allow physicians and/or other health professionals to claim or convert select Royal College MOC credits to other CPD system credits. Details about the specific agreements are available on our [website](#)

Should you wish for this CPD activity to eligible for credit within any of these systems, please check all that apply:

- [American Medical Association \(AMA\) PRA Category 1 Credit™](#)
- [European Union of Medical Specialists \(UEMS\)](#)
- [Qatar Council for Healthcare Practitioners \(QCHP\)](#)
- [European Board for Accreditation in Cardiology \(EBAC\)](#)