**Blackout Policy**

The Canadian Cardiovascular Society (CCS) and the Canadian Cardiovascular Affiliate Senate (C-CAS) have approved a blackout period before and after the annual Canadian Cardiovascular Congress (CCC). The blackout period allows for CCS, C-CAS, members, and stakeholders to focus on CCC with positive momentum and progress toward the achievement of CCC and accredited program goals.

The lead-up and follow-up to CCC comes with significant demands for time and attention of staff, CCS members, affiliate members, committees, and stakeholders. Due to these demands and the aim to eliminate competitive programming prior to and just following CCC each year, a period of two weeks (14 days) prior and one week (7 days) post will be enforced as a blackout period wherein no accredited or unaccredited education programs may be held. During this time, both the CCS and C-CAS urge their members, corporate partners as well as other education providers respect and adhere to this policy. CCS will not accredit any CPD programs during the black-out period.