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CCS POLICY

Policy for Review, Accreditation of CCS CPD Activities with Single Industry Funding (*Sponsorship or Co-Development*)

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to outline the requirements and accreditation review process for educational activities that are sponsored by one commercial source and or co-developed with a physician organization and accredited by CCS.

Background

CCS discourages developing educational activities with single source support. Multiple sponsorship should always be considered.

Requirement

The chair of the scientific planning committee (SPC) must be a member of the physician organization and hold current credentialing with the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. This is to ensure the scientific validity and ethical integrity of the educational activities are upheld and meet the Physician Organization, Royal College, and CCS standards.

All activity development should meet all the administrative, educational, and ethical accreditation/certification standards as outlined by the National Standards of Support for CPD Activities, Canadian Medical Association Guidelines for Physicians in Interactions with Industry, The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada and all CCS policies, guidelines, and standards.

Procedure

- Confirmation of Physician Organization status must accompany your application.
- A letter of intent prior to receiving all accreditation applications is required.
- A completed application form must be submitted to the CCS at least 10 weeks prior to the event. Final learning material including all slide decks must be submitted at least 8 weeks prior to the event.
- Content, including slides and learning materials will be reviewed by the CPD Accreditation staff and CCS CPD Committee Chair/Member(s).
- When educational activities are offered in English and French, both slide decks must be provided for review. **An additional review fee will apply.**
- If necessary, content will be reviewed by an independent expert in the content field. **Additional fees will be applied.**

Once accredited the educational material cannot be altered. Any updates (additions or removal) must be received by the CCS office for a new application review and approval. CCS requires four weeks prior to the activity date. Written approval of modified material must be provided by the CCS prior to use at the event. Representatives from a co-developing physician organization or the CCS staff member/committee member must be present at the time of delivery to ensure adherence to policies.

Bias deduction tools could be used by the CCS independent of the logistic and scientific planning committee at the discretion of the CPD Chair.