Modifications to our Accreditation Criteria for Industry-Sponsored Events

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Purpose

We want to clarify our requirements for accreditation for instances where industry-funded activities may be creating possible conflict of interest. They may meet the Royal College guidelines, but may not meet the spirit of uOttawa guidelines.

1. Industry sponsor or funder
   a. Preference to have more than one industry sponsor for an event.
   b. In instances where there is only one sponsor, the following criteria would apply.
   c. In instances where there is more than one sponsor, the criteria may apply, at the discretion of the reviewer.

2. Conflict of Interest
   In the application and in the presentation to the audience
   a. Communicate how the speaker has mitigated any possible conflict of interest, including:
   b. (in the application) description of evidence for any claims related to industry-specific content
   c. (in the presentation) presentation of evidence for any claims related to industry-specific content
   d. Provide (where possible) alternatives to the industry-sponsored content
   e. And/or provide advantages-disadvantages of the content, product or technique

3. Costs to participants
   a. Registration must be equal to or greater than the cost of the meal, if there is one.

4. Meal
   a. Modest dinner is appropriate if the session is equal to or greater than two hours.

5. Industry participation
   a. Applicant must specify the degree of industry participation.
   b. Applicant must specify that industry representatives will have no role to play in the presentation.

For questions or comments please contact the Office of Continuing Professional Development.

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