

The Conference Vetting System

The Conference Vetting System reviews the compliance of third-party educational events (conferences and procedure trainings) with the MedTech Europe Code of Ethical Business Practice. It issues a binding decision on the appropriateness for our members to financially support these events through educational grants, promotional activity (e.g. booths) or satellite symposia. Find out more about the Conference Vetting system at www.ethicalmedtech.eu.

Stronger rules for educational grants: What companies will do as of 2017?

- 1 Member companies will publicly disclose educational grants provided to HCOs, ensuring increased transparency of the funds allocated to medical education.
- 2 Conferences supported by member companies will need to comply with the Conference Vetting System.
- 3 Member companies will only be able to provide grants, charitable donations, scholarships or fellowships to HCOs but never to individuals.
- 4 Companies will be able to define the category of HCPs eligible for financial support under the grant but not choose individual HCPs.
- 5 Companies will continue to require that HCOs sign a written contract setting out terms and conditions for the grant, charitable donation, scholarship or fellowship.
- 6 Companies will need to establish an internal and independent process based on objective criteria to review grant requests.

Our renewed commitment to support medical education

The new Code is a clear message from the medical technology industry that we want to safeguard and protect our relationship with healthcare professionals by adopting a clear and strict self-regulation.

Our industry is still fully committed to support independent medical education. We will now do this at arms' length through independent third-parties. The independent third-party will decide which HCPs receive the funding.

For more information about the MedTech Europe Code of Ethical Business Practice, visit www.medtecheurope.org or contact the MedTech Europe Legal and Compliance Team at Ethics@medtecheurope.org

About MedTech Europe

MedTech Europe is an alliance of European medical technology industry associations. It currently has two members: EDMA, representing the European in vitro diagnostic industry; and Eucomed, representing the European medical devices industry.

MedTech Europe promotes a balanced policy environment that helps the medical technology industry meet Europe's growing healthcare needs and expectations. We also promote the value of our industry and how medical technologies can help save and improve lives, and help support more sustainable healthcare systems.



Support to medical education and interactions with Healthcare Organisations

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A common Code of Ethical Business Practice

- The new Medtech Europe Code of Ethical Business Practice sets strict, clear and transparent rules for our industry's relationship with Healthcare Professionals (HCPs) and Healthcare Organisations (HCOs), including company-organised events, arrangements with consultants, research and financial support to medical education.
- The new Code is common for the In Vitro Diagnostics and Medical Devices companies which are member of MedTech Europe.

Our new code in brief

Sponsorship model for third-party organised events (e.g. conferences, congresses etc.):

- As of 1 January 2018, our members will no longer give direct financial support to individual HCPs to attend third party organised events. This will be done through educational grants provided to HCOs.

Transparency of educational grants:

- As of 1 January 2018, our members will publicly disclose educational grants provided to HCOs (e.g. support to conferences, scholarships and fellowships).

All events organised or supported by members need to comply with general criteria for events:

- For example, all events with HCPs must take place in appropriate locations and venues, with reasonable hospitality, no guests or spouses etc.
- A broader category of sponsorship will require approval under the Conference Vetting System (e.g. provisions educational grants, promotional activity -e.g. booths-, etc.)

Key change: new ways to support independent continuous medical education

During 2016

Direct Sponsorship

Companies choose individual HCPs and financially support their participation to Third-Party Organised Events.



Such support usually covers some or all of the travel, lodging and registration costs.

Educational grants

Companies give educational grants to hospitals, medical societies and other third parties. These include grants to support HCPs participation to third-party organised events.



The receiver of the grant chooses which HCPs to support

As of 1 January 2017

Direct Sponsorship



Allowed

Educational grants

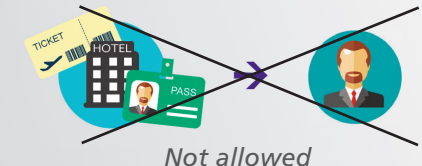


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