



THE COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF HONG KONG

PRINCIPLES AND GUIDELINES ON CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION (CME) AND CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CPD)

Principles / Guidelines for CME/CPD Accreditation of Commercial Involvement in CME Activities **(With effect for applications submitted on or after 1 Oct 2023)**

1. An CME/CPD activity must be associated with the knowledge, skills, or competencies in the fields of surgery or surgery-related healthcare in order to be accredited as a Formal College Approved Activity (FCAA).
2. In order to provide precise, balanced, evidence-based recommendations to College Fellows and to protect them from commercial bias, a CME/CPD activity organized entirely by a commercial entity, such as a pharmaceutical or medical equipment industry company, will generally not be considered for accreditation.
3. For a CME/CPD activity involving commercial elements or financial support from commercial entities, it is the responsibility of the organizer to ensure the CME/CPD activity remains independent of such commercial support and must be free of commercial influence, advertisement and promotion.