

## Canadian Society of Palliative Care Physicians Policy on Relationship with Industry

- 1. The Canadian Society of Palliative Care Physicians and its members, strive to develop and maintain effective and collaborative partnerships that inform our members, aid in research, and assist our patients in their care needs.
- 2. Our relationship with Industry (commercial resources, pharmaceutical companies etc) is based on the guiding documents of Canadian Medical Association Policy on Physicians and the Pharmaceutical industry; the Canadian Marketing Association Code of Ethics, and the Association of American Medical Colleges Continuing Health Education Policies for Industry Sponsorship.
- 3. Funding from Industry can be received by the Society in the form of Unrestricted Educational/research grants. Such grants must be used by the Society for projects chosen by the Society, free of any expectation of guidance or formalized reporting from or by industry. Any acknowledgement of this grant is at the discretion of the Society.
- 4. The Society and its members will not engage in any promotion of industry/industry products as part of an Unrestricted Educational grant.
- 5. Society members will not take financial remuneration for work provided by the member to Industry, which is already funded /salaried/stipend, by the Society, or its affiliated institutions or agencies, including Provincial Ministries of Health or other physician funding agencies.
- 6. Members working for industry in their off hours (non funded as above) may seek reasonable compensation for their work and time commitment, but may not promote this work as Society related unless specifically arranged with Society approval.
- 7. Industry partners may not promote any relationship with the Canadian Society of Palliative Care Physicians or its members, (i.e. use of logo, titles) unless specifically negotiated and approved.
- 8. In an effort to create and deliver Continuing Professional Development educational events or activities that offer balanced, unbiased and best evidence/best practice information/content the Canadian Society of Palliative Care Physicians supports the position that events with industry or commercial sponsorship have more than one sponsor.
- 9. Member of Canadian Society of Palliative Care Physicians should not accept personal gifts of any significant monetary or other value from industry. Members should be aware that acceptance of gifts of any value has been shown to have the potential to influence clinical decision making.