



The [Council of Medical Specialty Society's Code for Interactions with Companies](#) reflects Medical Specialty Societies' unwavering commitment to responsible, ethical and patient-centric interactions with industry. Since its inception in 2010, the Code has guided Societies' efforts to safeguard the independence of their programs, policies and advocacy positions. We recognize that, as the healthcare marketplace evolves, Medical Specialty Societies' interactions with for-profit entities must also change to continue to meet the needs of medical professionals and their patients.

To that end, we are soliciting comments and ideas to help us ensure that the CMSS Code remains an up-to-date and comprehensive resource for the medical specialty society community and beyond. **Please take some time to complete this survey and submit your responses by December 4, 2024.** Thank you in advance for your comments.

Individual responses will remain confidential, and only blinded/aggregated data will be shared with CMSS staff/members working to evaluate and update the Code.

DEFINITIONS: Please reference [page 5](#) for more information.

1. What modifications do you suggest?

2. Have you experienced any challenges or unintended consequences with any items in this section? Please provide detail.

3. Any additional comments or questions about this section?



PRINCIPLES: Please reference [page 9](#) for more information.

4. What modifications do you suggest for the sections focused on principles (listed below)?

- Transparency
- Independence
- Accepting Charitable Donations
- Accepting Corporate Sponsorships

5. Have you experienced any challenges or unintended consequences implementing any of these sections? Please provide detail.

6. Any additional comments or questions about these sections?



SOCIETY MEETINGS: Please reference [page 14](#) for more information.

7. What modifications do you suggest to this section? Subsections noted below:

- Society Educational & Informational Programs
- Society CME-Accredited Satellite Symposia
- Company Informational/Educational Programs
- Society Exhibits

8. Have you experienced any challenges or unintended consequences implementing this section? Please provide detail.

9. Any additional comments or questions about this section?



AWARDING OF RESEARCH GRANTS: Please reference [page 19](#) for more information.

10. What modifications do you suggest to this section?

11. Have you experienced any challenges or unintended consequences implementing this section? Please provide detail.

12. Any additional comments or questions about this section?



CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINES: Please reference [page 20](#) for more information.

13. What modifications do you suggest to this section?

14. Have you experienced any challenges or unintended consequences implementing this section? Please provide detail.

15. Any additional comments or questions about this section?



SOCIETY JOURNALS: Please reference [page 23](#) for more information.

16. What modifications do you suggest to this section?

17. Have you experienced any challenges or unintended consequences implementing this section? Please provide detail.

18. Any additional comments or questions about this section?



STANDARDS FOR ADVERTISING: Please reference [page 25](#) for more information.

19. What modifications do you suggest to this section?

20. Have you experienced any challenges or unintended consequences implementing this section? Please provide detail.

21. Any additional comments or questions about this section?



STANDARDS FOR LICENSING: Please reference [page 25](#) for more information.

22. What modifications do you suggest to this section?

23. Have you experienced any challenges or unintended consequences implementing this section? Please provide detail.

24. Any additional comments or questions about this section?



ADHERENCE TO THE CODE: Please reference [page 26](#) for more information.

25. What modifications do you suggest to this section?

26. Have you experienced any challenges or unintended consequences implementing this section? What might help support adherence (e.g. recognition, templates)? Please provide detail.

27. Any additional comments or questions about this section?



NEW CONTENT:

28. What sections and/or sub-sections should we consider adding to make the Code more reflective of the full breadth of Society activities?

29. Please share any other comments you have below:



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