

# MEETING INTERNATIONAL COMPLIANCE

What Your Medical Meeting Needs to Know for 2018 and Beyond



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# What is MedTech Europe

MedTech Europe is the European trade association representing the medical technology industries.

MedTech Europe was created with via joint venture between EDMA, representing the European in vitro diagnostic industry; and Eucomed, representing the European medical devices industry and promotes a balanced policy environment that helps the medical technology industry meet Europe's growing healthcare needs and expectations.

# Background

**Bloomberg**Business

Stryker to pay \$13.2 mln to settle civil bribery charges

The New Hork Times

Inquiry Into Foreign Bribes at Biomet Hangs Over \$13 Billion Merger

Medtronic Agrees to \$23.5 Million Settlement in Kickback Case



Le patron de Mithra Pharmaceutical sous le coup d'une instruction judiciaireLe Soir

# The Industry self regulating actions

To regulate interactions between MedTech Europe members and healthcare profesionals

Code of Ethical Business Practice (2008), revised in 2015

To have a practical implementation of the Code

To address MedTech Europe members' divergent interpretation of the Code

To reduce risk associated to industry sponsorship of HCPs to thirdparty educational events

The Conference Vetting System (2012)

# Respecting Ethical Standards- FIVE PRINCIPLES

- □ Reduce compliance/bribery risks unilateral transfer of value
- ☐ Uphold value and promote responsible industry image Key priority
- ☐ Harmonization of requirements worldwide
- ☐ Potential prevention of new laws stringent self-regulation
- ☐ Transparency will not end DS challenges by media and judicial authorities

- IMAGE & PERCETION- No luxury hotels, luxurious dinner, resorts, etc.
- TRANSPARENCY- Informing institutions / superior of any interaction.
- **EQUIVALENCE-** Setting fees for services following strict FMV Methodology.
- **SEPARATION-** Decision-making is not primarily sales-driven.
- **DOCUMENTATION-** Signing the contract and documenting expenses.

# The MedTech Code of Ethical Business Practce

# Six big changes

- Phasing out of direct sponsorship
- Transparency of educational grants
- Common chapter on general criteria for events
- New chapter on demonstration products and samples
- Agreed definitions
- Common independent enforcement mechanism

2016 2017 2018 2019

## "Direct sponsorship"

**Companies select individual HCPs** and **financially support their participation** to Third Party Organised Events.





Such financial support typically covers some or all of the travel, lodging and registration costs of the HCP.

## "Educational grants"

Companies provide educational grants to **hospitals**, **medical societies** and other third parties **to support genuine medical education**.









These include educational grants provided to support HCP participation to Third Party Organised Event.

HCPs are selected by the receiver of the grant.





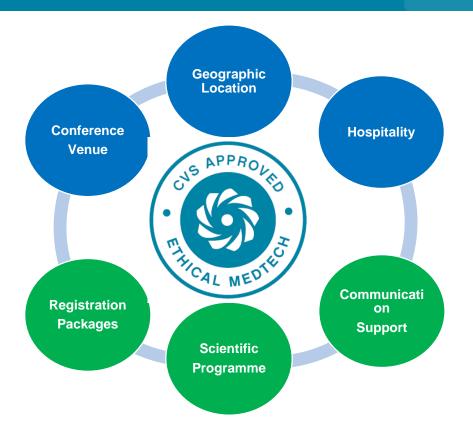
The new Code is a clear message from the medical technology industry that we want to safeguard and protect our relationship with healthcare professionals by adopting a clear and strict self-regulation.

# Conference Vetting System (CVS)

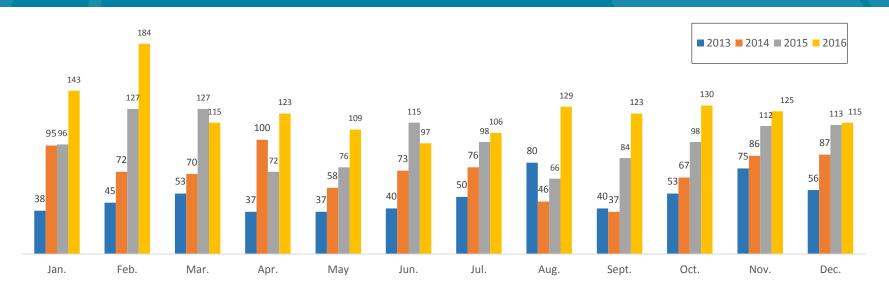
- A centralised decision-making system: CVS is a unique system in the Medical Device industry used by all MedTech Europe members, Professional Conference Organisers and Scientific Societies.
- CVS reviews the compliance of third-party educational events with MedTech Europe Code of Ethical Business Practice and Mecomed Code of Business Practice (the "Codes") to determine the appropriateness for companies which are members of MedTech Europe and Mecomed to provide financial support to such events in the form of educational grants or commercial activities (booths, advertising, satellite symposium)CVS renders a binding decision for MedTech Europe and members of the national associations affiliated with MedTech Europe as to whether or not they can financially support healthcare professionals to attend such events.
- The system operates independently to ensure objectivity in events assessments.
- Separate website & visual identity: www.ethicalmedtech.eu



# Conference Vetting System (CVS)



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	2013	2014	2015	2016
Total submissions	604	867	1184	1499
Increase		43%	36%	21%



What type of support for which type of event?

**Educational grants** 

To support general running of the event

Includes funds to support HCPs

Includes funds to support Faculties

Commercial Activities

Speakers consultancy satellite symposia

Booths/advertising

			PRIOR CVS	SUBMISSION	
		IN MEDTECH EUROPE GEOGRAPHIC AREA		OUTSIDE MEDTECH EUROPE GEOGRAPHIC AREA	
WHICH TYPE OF SUPPORT CAN MEMBER COMPANIES PROVIDE TO WHICH THIRD PARTY ORGANISED EDUCATIONAL EVENTS?		NATIONAL Third Party Organised Educational Events attended by delegates which are local HCPs only)	INTERNATIONAL (Third Party Organised Educational Events attended by delegates coming from at least two countries of the MedTech Europe Geographic Area <sup>1</sup> , <sup>2</sup> )	INTERNATIONAL (Third Party Organised Educational Events attended by delegates who are Healthcare Professionals registered and practising in the MedTech Europe Geographic Area <sup>3</sup> )	INTERNATIONAL (Third Party Organised Educational Events to which no Healthcare Professionals registered and practicing in the MedTech Europe Geographic Area attend, neither as speakers or delegates)
EDUCATIONAL GRANTS <sup>4</sup> PROVIDED TO SUPPORT A THIRD PARTY	Educational Grant to support the general running of a conference	2017 – Allowed <sup>5</sup> . 2018 – Allowed.	2017 – Allowed. Not subject to CVS decision 2018 – Subject to CVS decision	2017 – Allowed. Not subject to CVS decision 2018 – Allowed. Not subject to CVS decision	Out of scope of the application of the Code <sup>6</sup>
	Educational Grants that includes funds to support	2017 – Allowed.	2017 – Allowed. Not subject to CVS decision	2017 – Allowed. Not subject to CVS decision	N/A

# The Ethical Charter

- Voluntary certification system displaying HCOs/PCOs' engagement to comply with MTE's Code when organising conferences
- Online Process

#### STEP 1

CEO submits expression of interest

CEO identifies who needs to take the test (internally)



#### STEP 2

Selected candidates follow online training



#### STEP 3

Trained candidates take the online test

Pass rate: 85%



#### STEP 4

CEO signs Ethical Charter (2 years)

Organisation gets logo







# The Current Process

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Med Device company chooses attendees and contacts travel agency



Agency contacts
Healthcare
Organization and
their International
Group Housing
Department to
arrange for
international group
housing and
registration





International delegations attending US medical meetings are usually sponsored by either a Pharmaceutical or a Medical Device Company. This means that groups of international attendees are invited and all their travel and meeting expenses are paid by the sponsoring company.

# Changing the Playing Field

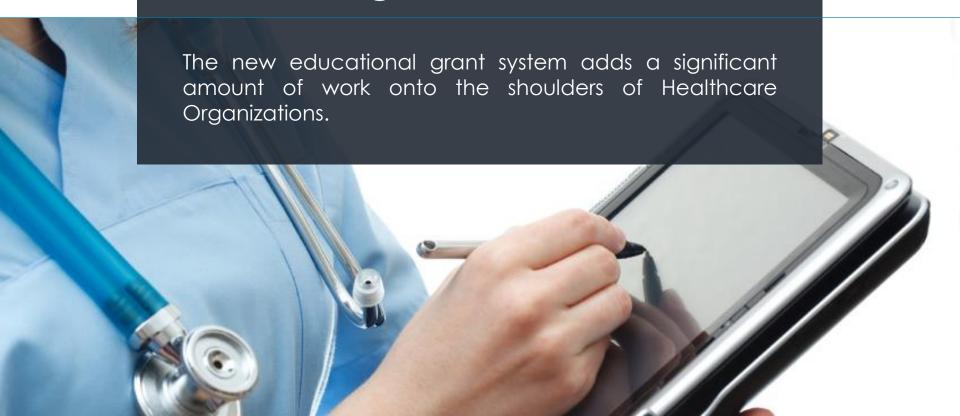
As of 2018, MedTech Europe will require all meetings to be vetted through its Conference Vetting System.

Only vetted meetings will be eligible to receive funds from MedTech Europe member companies, — <u>and only through educational grants</u>.

The most important change for the US Medical Meeting Industry is that MedTech Europe member companies will not be able to directly sponsor an HCP, neither as a delegate nor as a speaker.



# The Old vs. the New – **Adding to the Workload!**



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- 1. Conferences supported by medical device companies will need to apply and be in compliance with the Conference Vetting System.
- 2. Healthcare Organizations will need to write and submit grant requests to each medical device company that sponsors delegations to their medical meeting.
- 3. Once awarded the grant, Healthcare Organizations will be responsible for choosing the HCPs that will receive support, following the guidelines as set forth on the grant requested.
- 4. Healthcare Organizations will be responsible for the management of the sponsored HCPs, including figuring out how to contact them, gather their information, manage their travel requirements, etc.
- 5. Medical Device Companies will need to submit reconciliation and disclosure reports to MedTech Europe transparency platform.



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## **ACCME STANDARDS FOR COMMERCIAL SUPPORT**

The CME provider may not use commercial support to pay for travel, lodging, honoraria, or personal expenses for non-teacher or non-author participants of a CME activity.





VS.



Healthcare Organizations MUST APPLY for grants from Medical Technology Companies to fund travel, hospitality, and registration for international attendees to attend the medical meeting.



Healthcare Organizations ARE NOT ALLOWED to use funds received from Medical Technology Companies to fund travel and hospitality of attendees without jeopardizing their ACCME Accreditation.

# SOLUTION

A third-party non-profit may apply for grants from the Medical Technology Company and use funds to fund travel, hospitality, and registration for international attendees to attend the Healthcare Organization's medical meeting without jeopardizing the Healthcare Organizations ACCME Accreditation.



A seamless process that will allow effortless grant requests for the healthcare organization, as well as targeted selection of health-care professional recipients within the market of the international sponsor.

# The NEW Process

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3rd Party
Healthcare
Organization
requests and is
awarded grant
from Medical
Device Company





3rd Party Healthcare Organization assigns a grant manager to provide services









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3rd Party Healthcare
Organization
requests and is awarded
grant
from Medical Device
Company







HEALTHCARE ORGANIZATION Medical Meeting

Create and submit the application to The Conference Vetting System



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3rd Party Healthcare
Organization
requests and is awarded
grant
from Medical Device
Company









The 3rd-party Healthcare Organization prepares the educational grant.

Grants are submitted to each Medical Technology Company individually, following their preferred grant request format.

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Grants will detail how they meet requirements not only to the EthicalMedTech guidelines, but also to any local law and regulations in effect based on location of Medical Technology Company and/or origination of proposed HCP beneficiaries.



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HEALTHCARE ORGANIZATION Medical Meeting

The 3rd-party Healthcare Organization requests and is awarded grant from Medical Device Company.

3

Funds from the Medical Device Companies are transferred to the 3rd-Party Healthcare Organization to execute the contracts.

The Healthcare Organization assigns a grant manager to provide services.



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3rd Party Healthcare
Organization
requests and is awarded
grant
from Medical Device
Company







HEALTHCARE ORGANIZATION Medical Meeting

Grant Manager & 3rd Party Healthcare Organization chooses international healthcare professionals that will attend the annual meeting, meeting the grant guidelines- will provide an online Grant Application process adhering to all grant guidelines, via an approved event website.

4

HCPs may apply to participate as a grant beneficiary and, if they meet the criteria as specified in the grant, are chosen and invited on a firstcome, first-served basis.



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Organization
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grant
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Company







HEALTHCARE ORGANIZATION Medical Meeting

Grant Manager oversees the secretariat process and airline arrangements through partner travel agencies.

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Grant Manager engages and pays Healthcare Organization/Medical Meeting for registration, housing, and travel arrangements through current international housing process.



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HEALTHCARE ORGANIZATION Medical Meeting

Grant Manager prepares and provides grant reconciliation reports to all Healthcare Organizations and a grant disclosure reports for each Medical Device Company, following requirements based on EthicalMedTech guidelines.



Grant Manager will also provide any reports needed based on required laws as per the location of Medical Device Sponsor grant office of origin of HCP beneficiary.









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