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Dear Healthcare Professionals,

**Recent changes to the SAPI Code of Conduct pertaining to Third Party Educational Events*
Sponsorships**

Industry partnerships and opportunities for local and overseas scientific events play an important role in the advancement of Healthcare Professionals (HCPs) scientific knowledge. Patients' best interests must be at the center of HCPs decisions; there should not be any perceived compromise of independence.

The SAPI Code of Conduct has been revised with new guidelines on Third Party Educational Events. While the objective is to continue to support HCPs to attend such events, the revised SAPI code introduces greater objectivity and transparency in the selection of HCPs and the management of the events. This new section has been written in consultation with the Ministry of Health (MoH). It is in line with the 2016 Singapore Medical Council's Ethical Code and Ethical Guidelines (SMC ECEG).

Under the new code, all beneficiaries of Third Party Educational Events must be independently selected by either hospitals, medical associations or independent professional bodies. All logistics arrangements must be made independently of the sponsoring companies.

The revised SAPI code is effective since 1st January 2019. We seek all HCPs, all healthcare organizations, healthcare associations/societies and all pharmaceutical companies' cooperation to work closely to implement the new SAPI guidelines. In case of any questions/clarifications, please email to admin@sapi.org.sg. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

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** A "Third Party Educational Event" is any scientific conference, professional program, meeting or event sponsored or conducted by a third party/independent professional association, including but not limited to, events of an educational or scientific or policy-making nature and for the purpose of promoting scientific knowledge, medical advancement or delivery of effective healthcare.*

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