

FACT SHEET

The National Task Force on CME Provider/Industry Collaboration is committed to fostering, furthering and enhancing quality Continuing Medical Education (CME).

Continuing Medical Education: Providing Valid and Independent Evidence for Clinical Decisions

- Physicians in practice and as health care team leaders must make clinical decisions based on valid and independent

experimental design, data collection and analysis. When practice decisions are
must not be dangerous or proven ineffective. It is expected within the profession
presented at CME activities.

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- Decisions on CME content and the provision of medical care must be made in the best interests of patients and the public health, and constitute appropriate medical practice. The recipients of health care must be confident that clinical decisions are based on validated evidence and accepted standards of care.² Clinical decisions based on independent CME content protect the public health.
- The Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) sets Standards for Commercial Support (SCS)³, which describe conduct expected of accredited CME provider organizations in the process of designating activities for *American Medical Association (AMA) PRA Category 1 Credit™*, *American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Prescribed and Elective Credit*, and *American Osteopath*