



Canadian Association of Gastroenterology (CAG) Policy for the Publication of Educational Symposia/Events Proceedings by the CAG and Industry

The CAG and various sponsors from industry work together to meet the educational needs of the CAG membership. On an annual basis about six co-developed symposia take place at the Canadian Digestive Disease Week meeting. Others may occur during the year. It is important that the content of the symposium/event is made available to a larger audience than the attendees.

There are guidelines (<http://www.cag-acg.org/uploads/mocert%20guidelines%20v08may2008.pdf>) in place to ensure that the speakers and presentation content is appropriate and presented from an unbiased perspective. However, to date, we have not had guidelines, towards the summary of such symposia/events. The purpose of this document is to outline the rules governing the summary of co-developed symposia/events for publication in paper or electronic format.

The purpose of the guidelines is to ensure that the context of the symposia or other presentations is presented in a way, which is fair to both the industry co-developer and the CAG.

1. Industry should indicate to the CAG in advance in writing, if they wish to have a summary of the symposia and proceedings published.
2. The CAG should indicate to industry in advance if it intends to publish the symposia proceedings, presuming that industry is not interested in that initiative.
3. If the sponsor decides to proceed with publication of symposium/event, the CAG will delegate a member of the Education Committee to attend the symposium/event. It will be the responsibility of the CAG Education Representative to ensure that the proceedings of the symposium are accurately summarized for further publication. A fee of \$1,000.00 will be charged for this review and process. If it is necessary for a CAG Education Committee member to travel (outside of the annual CDDW meeting) the industry co-developer will support the related travel and accommodation expenses.
4. Changes may be suggested by the industry co-developer, however the final decision on any changes will rest with the CAG Education Committee.
5. The publication will identify the CAG and the industry co-developer as equal partners in the symposium/event.
6. Speakers' involvement with industry and any conflict of interest will be declared on the published manuscript. Disclosure will be in accordance with CAG guidelines and collected from speakers in preparation for the symposium/event.
7. The manuscript will make it clear that the published proceedings do not necessarily represent CAG policy but is a summary of an educational symposium/event, which took place.
