

## FAQ'S

### Question 15

Reimbursement - Please can you assist me. I would like to make use of the services of XXX through a number of CME meetings around the country on the topic of reimbursement and the changing climate but my US colleague says it's not Code compliant.

The reason given was that depending on the content of the talk, it can be seen as offsetting a business cost for the surgeons (it's not really an "educational" talk but more helping surgeons manage his part of their business). Second, sometimes these talks help guide surgeons to submit for higher reimbursement in an inappropriate manner. But in SA, what about patient access

*Nicole Edelstein replies*

- Rationale for any meeting or sponsorship to attend a meeting is to be transparent, valid and cogent
- The Code aims to ensure - maximum healthcare benefit to patients
- No mention of product specifics
- Providing the required information needed for the funder to make an appropriate decision
- Reimbursement assists patients more than doctors
- Evidence-based choices
- Finances cannot be ignored in healthcare decisions