

## **Taiwan Advanced Medical Technology Association Code of Ethics Frequently Asked Questions**

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This chapter has referenced international regulations and current industry practices in Taiwan. The contents of this chapter shall be regularly reviewed and revised by the TAMTA E&C working group, and revisions shall be approved in Board meetings.

### **1. In what companies is the Code of Ethics applicable?**

A1: The Code of Ethics has been adopted by all TAMTA member companies. Each member company is responsible for the regulation of its distributors and agents.

### **2. The TAMTA Code of Ethics prohibits companies from providing or paying for any hospitality and entertainment activities for any medical professionals. Are there any exceptions?**

A2: There are no exceptions. Conferences and meetings may include food and beverages, but their importance must not exceed the topic of the meeting. Member companies may also not sponsor concerts, provide entertainment tickets, or pay for entertainment of any kind. Background music or local performances in the meeting venue are permitted as long as they are not paid for by member companies and do not interfere with the meeting.

### **3. Are gifts or money allowed for weddings, funerals, or traditional occasions?**

A3: The TAMTA Code of Ethics explicitly prohibits giving cash, cash equivalents (e.g., gift cards), or gifts to medical professionals. It includes (but is not limited to) wedding cash gifts, gift baskets at clinic openings, gifts to medical professionals at customary and traditional festivals, and flower or elegiac couplets at funerals.

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### **4. How to manage transportation and accommodation expenses of the invited speakers for satellite symposia hosted by affiliated companies at "third party training conferences"?**

A4:

- If a medical professional is an instructor at the satellite symposium: Member companies can make their own judgments based on actual circumstances and internal company regulations.
- If a medical professional is a participant at the satellite symposium: See TAMTA Code of Ethics for Section 4 VI. Cessation of Direct Sponsorship for the specific provisions.

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Q5. Are meals or refreshments allowed at online business meetings organized by member companies?

A5 Yes. TAMTA Code of Ethics Sections 3, 5, and 8 specify that a member company can provide appropriate meals and refreshments at business meetings held by the company, online or physical, according to the actual situation and internal regulations. Member companies may set relevant controls as appropriate, e.g., serving food to medical professionals who are actually present at the meeting, not offering meals to medical professionals who are not present at the meeting from the entire department or division,

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nor in the absence of company representatives. It is recommended to avoid home delivery or to examine its appropriateness before doing so.

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- **This Code of Ethics FAQ is available in Chinese and English. In the event of discrepancy, the Chinese version always takes precedence.**