

## Physician Organization

The RCPSC definition of 'physician organization' will require additional documentation to verify that the organization is **(1) 'not-for profit'** (determined by registration as a not for profit on Industry Canada website or from statements on organization's website); **(2) governed by health professionals and accountable to specialist physician members** (determined by Board of Directors and their accountability, having an organizational membership that includes specialists, or a purpose in serving profession); **(3) governed through a formal structure that establishes the decision-making and reporting structure** (determined by by-laws and Board of Directors); and **(4) focused on continuing professional development, provision of health care and/or research** (as per web or other information).

Please note, that the RCPSC does not recognize the following as 'physician organizations': Disease-oriented patient advocacy organizations (e.g. Canadian Diabetes Association); Government departments or agencies (e.g. Health Canada, Public health Agency of Canada); Industry (e.g. pharmaceutical companies, medical device companies, etc.); Medical education or communications (MEC) companies (e.g. CME Inc.) For-profit online educators, publishing companies or simulation companies (e.g. Medscape, CAE); or small number of physicians working together to develop educational programming. Physicians participating in these programs may report their learning as a personal learning project.