

An abstract geometric composition on a dark navy blue background. On the left, a vertical cream-colored bar is intersected by two horizontal teal lines, each with a small teal dot at the intersection. To the right of this bar, a large teal shape is formed by a trapezoid at the bottom and a rectangle on top. A thin white vertical line runs down the center of the teal trapezoid, ending in a small teal circle at its base. The word "Singapore" is written in a white, sans-serif font, centered horizontally in the upper half of the image.

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Understanding the applicable framework

SAPI publishes a July 2026 Code and February 2024 patient, caregiver and organisation guidance. The Code applies within member and agency scope and does not replace Singapore law (Singapore Association of Pharmaceutical Industries [SAPI], 2024, 2026).

Identify the responsible entity and distinguish local from regional activity. Other countries' participation and information flows need separate assessment.

What companies need to understand

Charity and IPC status differ. IPCs may receipt qualifying donations; not every charity holds that status. Distinguish donations, sponsorship and services (Commissioner of Charities, n.d.-a; Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore [IRAS], n.d.).

Ask about approval and consultation, particularly whether regional activity fits purposes and funding restrictions. Allow time before confirmation.

What patient organisations need to understand

SAPI Article 11 requires clear involvement and support documentation, prohibits requiring sole-funder status and addresses suitable meetings and modest hospitality (SAPI, 2026).

Agree independent support versus commissioned work and clarify contributions and responsibilities. Provide one coordinated request with reasons for additional procedures.

Communications and privacy

HSA prohibits public prescription-only medicine advertising. Lack of a general prior-approval requirement does not establish permission (Health Sciences Authority [HSA], 2026).

Assess overall purpose, audience and distribution before drafting. Agree acknowledgement without endorsement and separately assess privacy, recording, publication and overseas access.

Regulatory and access participation

ACE publishes patient opportunities and a process guide for HTA (Agency for Care Effectiveness [ACE], n.d.). Identify the specific assessment, contribution, eligibility, deadline and declarations. The organisation should control evidence and explain assistance.

Practical example and local checks

For a regional workshop, separate Singapore and overseas arrangements before invitations. Agree support, contracts and use of findings. Assess later publication separately and explain outstanding approvals and recording choices.