**Interview Questions for In-Country SMEs**

1. Please provide a brief overview of your country or region to include but not limited it:
   1. Population size
   2. Number of physicians
   3. Other facts that would be interesting to know
2. Please provide a brief overview of the medical education system in your country or region to include:
   1. Please describe the undergraduate/medical school education system
   2. Please describe any post-graduate education system (e.g. residency or fellowship)
   3. What is expected to practice medicine in your country?
   4. License to practice medicine (e.g. graduation from medical school only, completion of residency or fellowship, national licensing exam)
   5. Who is in control of the requirements to practice medicine in your country (e.g. government, medical association)
3. Please describe the current CME/CPD system in your country.
   1. Does a formal system exist?
   2. Is participation in CME/CPD mandatory to practice medicine/maintain a license or is participation in CME/CPD voluntary?
   3. If required:
      1. Is participation required for generalists and specialist physicians equally?
      2. Who is responsible for determining the type of educational activities and number of credits for licensure?
      3. What types of educational activities are accepted for credit?
   4. If not required:
      1. Are physicians given any incentive to participate?
      2. What are the reasons why CME/CPD is not required?
   5. In your country, who can be a provider of CME/CPD (organization that develops and delivers CME/CPD)?
   6. Can a pharmaceutical or device company be a provider of CME/CPD?
   7. Who determines the standards for CME/CPD providers in your country?
4. Team-based or interprofessional CPD is defined as when members from two or more professions plan and deliver education that improves practice and/or patient outcomes (e.g. physicians and nurses plan the education and the audience includes physicians and nurses).
   1. Does team-based education exist in your country?
   2. Why or why not?
5. Commercial Funding for CME/CPD
   1. Do pharmaceutical or device companies provide funding for physicians to participate in CME/CPD?
   2. Do pharmaceutical or device companies help to develop or control the content of CME/CPD?
   3. Approximately how much of the CME/CPD that physicians participate in is developed or controlled by a pharmaceutical or device company?
6. Please describe the quality of the CME/CPD system in your expert opinion.
   1. Quality of the education
   2. Impact on knowledge increase
   3. Impact on practice improvement
   4. Impact on patient or population outcomes
   5. Independent from commercial influence and unbiased
   6. Controlled by the medical profession
   7. Faculty skills
7. Opportunities and Barriers
   1. If you were in control of the CME/CPD system in your country, what changes would you want to make (if any)?
   2. Are there any perceived barriers for physicians to participate in CME/CPD that currently exist?
8. Is there anything else that you think it would be important to share about the CME/CPD system in your country?