What's the difference between *knowledge, competence, performance* and *patient outcomes*?

**Knowledge** is what you know.

**Competence** is knowledge put into action by the learner in the learning environment, or, in brief: what you would do if you could do it.

**Performance** is competence in professional practice.

**Outcome** is the consequence of performance. You measure outcomes to determine the impact of the educational intervention.

The purpose of CME is to make a change in knowledge, competence, performance, and/or patient outcome.