

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.