



Call for Comment — Knowledge-based CME Activities

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Description: ACCME Chief Executive, Murray Kopelow, MD, explains a new Call for Comment which asks the CME community for feedback on whether or not the ACCME should add the word “knowledge” into Criteria 1, 3 and 11.

The ACCME is asking whether we should add **knowledge** to our Accreditation Criteria. Up until 2006, ACCME rewarded providers for measuring and causing changes of knowledge in their learners. In 2006, we moved on to looking for changes in competence, performance or patient outcomes. We did this to help reposition continuing medical education in the health care environment, to create continuing medical education as a strategic asset to those looking to change and improve health care.

Knowledge is not explicitly referenced in our Criteria 1, 3 and 11. And we don't prohibit education that is knowledge-based. We don't prohibit measuring whether or not knowledge has been enhanced, but what we value is knowledge-in-action. We ask for evaluation to be done in terms of how knowledge has been used.

Some believe that this is a barrier to continuing medical education. Some believe this is a barrier to those who are trying to do education to enhance the knowledge-base of physicians. We ask in our call for comment whether or not you believe that ACCME should add **knowledge** to Criteria 1, 3 and 11. Or perhaps, as an alternative, we should reinforce our acceptance of knowledge in language and provide clarifying language, but keep the Criteria as they are.

We ask you to review our call for comment on our Web site and to respond accordingly.

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