



**GAP (Criterion 2: ACCME)** is defined as “the difference between the health care process or outcome observed in practice, and those potentially achievable on the basis of current professional knowledge” [www.accme.org](http://www.accme.org)

**SAMPLES:**

1. A large number of PAD patients do not receive effective smoking cessation counseling despite evidence supporting this practice. The number of smokers among our patient population has not decreased in the past 5 years.  
[http://www.accme.org/sites/default/files/646\\_20140918\\_Example\\_1\\_Completed\\_Performance\\_in\\_Practice\\_Structured\\_Abstract\\_0.pdf](http://www.accme.org/sites/default/files/646_20140918_Example_1_Completed_Performance_in_Practice_Structured_Abstract_0.pdf)
2. My approach for management of chronic pain hasn’t changed even though there are new research based guidelines about prescribing. <http://www.accme.org/education-and-support/video/tutorials/closing-practice-gaps-educational-needs>

**NEED (Criterion 2: ACCME)** is defined as the educational intervention designed to bridge/close the gap.

**SAMPLES**

1. Competence Need: Physicians need a strategy for delivering education to their patients (e.g. finding the right time during patient encounters to quickly deliver a smoking cessation referral). We hope to also introduce new strategies for collaborating with other members of the healthcare team.  
[http://www.accme.org/sites/default/files/646\\_20140918\\_Example\\_1\\_Completed\\_Performance\\_in\\_Practice\\_Structured\\_Abstract\\_0.pdf](http://www.accme.org/sites/default/files/646_20140918_Example_1_Completed_Performance_in_Practice_Structured_Abstract_0.pdf)
2. Knowledge Need: There is an educational need for knowledge to understand the guidelines for managing chronic pain. <http://www.accme.org/education-and-support/video/tutorials/closing-practice-gaps-educational-needs>