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Dear Sirs/Mesdames,

Thank you for making the attached document available and for seeking comments.

In order to better understand the document, I ask a simple question. You have mentioned 'outcomes' 53 times, but nowhere is the term defined.

I would be grateful if you could provide me with a definition of the word, and indicate how it would apply to, *inter alia*, surgeons, anaesthetists, radiologists, pathologists, oncologists, other proceduralists (cardiac, gastro-intestinal etc), physicians (FRACP) and psychiatrists.

In most of these areas of medical specialisation, the doctor-patient contact is of fairly short duration – hours, days, weeks or months – especially when compared with the work of a general practitioner, which often extends over most of a patient's life-time.

Could you please define how 'outcomes' can or could be measured in general practice? For example, at which point in time in my decades of general practice would you be assessing the 'outcomes' of my interventions (spoken, prescribed, investigated, referred or performed)?

Neither of the articles to which your consultation document refers (D.E. Moore Jr, J.S. Green and H.A. Gallis, 'Achieving desired results and improved outcomes: integrating planning and assessment throughout learning activities', *Journal of continuing education in the health professions*, vol.29, no.1, 2009, pp.1-15. and R.M. Cervero and J.K. Gaines, 'The impact of CME on position performance and patient healthcare outcomes: an updated synthesis of systematic reviews', *Journal of continuing education in the health professions*, vol. 35, no. 2, 2015, pp. 131-138) defines 'outcomes' (the latter uses the term 'health outcomes').

I look forward to your kind response.

Sincerely,

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