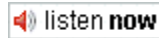


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I spoke at the AAOS annual "Practice Forward" course this past week in Chicago, giving two presentations and [tweeting](#) much of the rest of the meeting. Below, please find the slides from my presentation on ACOs (Accountable Care Organizations) and the specialist. We spent a good chunk of time discussing ACOs, bundled payments, other sorts of non-fee-for-service payment systems coming down the pike, the need to do more with less, and the opportunities and challenges ahead. To a certain extent, the orthopedists at the meeting -- including in particular John Cherf, the course director -- recognize that orthopedic care may be seen as "low hanging fruit" by cost-cutters and reformers in the health care system, and that therefore they need to take the initiative and lead by developing improved collaborative care models across a broader spectrum of musculoskeletal care.

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