

Health Care reform and future of medicine

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AQ2. What do the physicians need to do to be best prepared for what reforms will entail

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2. They should educate themselves about the reforms but do not need to do anything at this time
3. They should consider organizing themselves into bigger groups to be able to best navigate the new practice environment
4. They should seriously consider direct employment offers from the hospitals
5. There is little they can do to prepare for the reform related changes

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3. They will start in 2013 and will be fully implemented by 2015
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Health Reform: The Patient Protection and Affordable
Care Act
The Hospital's perspective

John Inadomi, MD

Healthcare reforms: Their potential impact on practice of
academic medicine

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Healthcare Reforms and Private Practice

- What are the chances that the reforms will be stalled and not see the light of the day?

Question to panel

- Will the practice environment be unchanged from now if the reforms are stalled before they are implemented?

Question to panel

- Why have the reforms targeted the physicians, when physician fees comprises only a small fraction of the healthcare costs and have actually declined when other costs have gone up in past couple of decades

Question to panel

- After the reforms are implemented, the savings in the system will come largely from
 - ? Decrease in physician fee for the specialists
 - ? Decrease in number of procedures performed
 - ? Better utilization of the resources
 - ? The savings are not guaranteed but will likely be due to squeezing those with least negotiating power in the healthcare system

Question to panel

- What kind of quality parameters are realistic and would be imposed.
 - Cost cutting or quality improvement
- Who will evaluate the physician performance based on these parameters
 - The payors or the ACOs
 - Won't they have inbuilt conflict of interest

Question to panel

- Will participation in the registries become a double edged sword generating data that can be used against physicians themselves by jury with competing financial interests

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Audience response system

Follow up polling

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