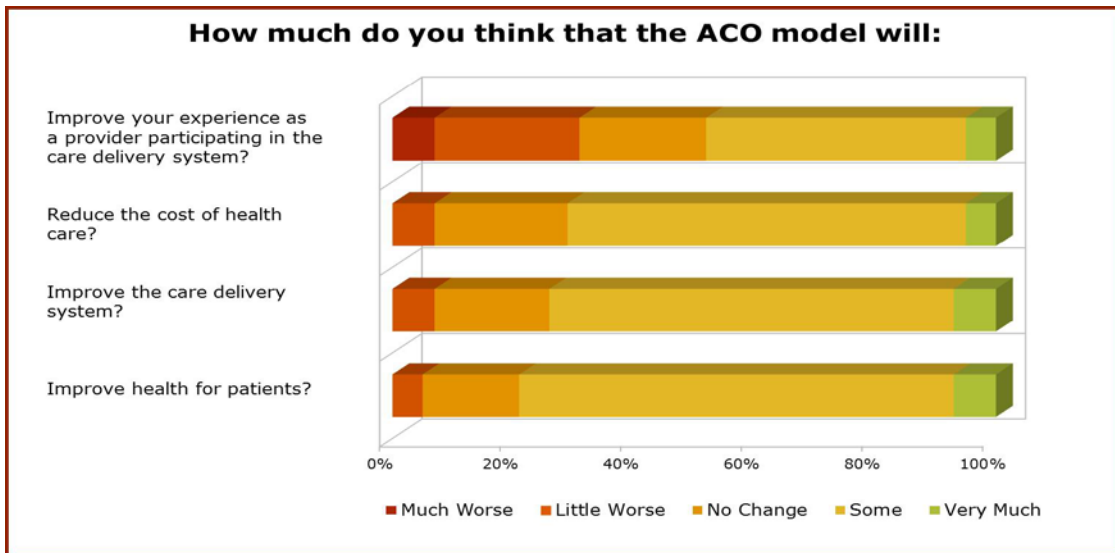




ACORN Clinicians believe ACOs will help Triple Aim, concerned with achieving care quality and its financial impact on practices

A summary of the results from the most recent ACORN Clinician Perspective can be found below. The majority (95%) of respondents (n=43) were familiar with the concept of an Accountable Care Organization (ACO).



We asked respondents to indicate the two most important issues when deciding whether or not their practice should become part of an ACO. Here is a summary of the information provided:

- The most often cited factors when making a decision to become an ACO were maintaining or improving quality of care for patients and the financial cost of transitioning to an ACO.
- Those not part of an ACO emphasized the initial financial cost of the transition as an obstacle, while those currently participating in an ACO focused on the potential financial incentives or losses for not becoming part of an ACO.
- Respondents emphasized quality of patient care when discussing ACO adoption. Some suggested that it could be enhanced with the ACO model while others worried that the model might harm their care quality.
- In addition to quality of care and financial costs, the infrastructures of health information technology and administrative support along with remaining competitive in primary care were major factors considered when thinking about participation in an ACO.

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