Accountable care organizations (ACOs) have been established as an early reform mechanism to facilitate the provision of seamless, patient-centered care. The development of ACOs as financial structures that embody key elements of the chronic care model reminds all health care professionals that the majority of patients navigate and engage in self-management of their health and illnesses.1,3,5

Today’s medical schools are responsible for training a majority of the physicians who practice academic medicine and for creating curriculum structures that are agile in the changing clinical environment. This info-graphic provides an overview of some of the complex areas that could serve as the basis for future instructional models.14

Patient-centered improvements to the health care system are only one piece of improving health. The key to optimal health is to adopt a perspective that leads to improvement in all of the social determinants of health as defined by the World Health Organization.15

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