

Table 1 AAOS fellows' responses to "My patients would describe me as ..."

	1998	2008
Considerate	91%	81% ↓
Answers questions	90%	79% ↓
Listens to patients	86%	76% ↓
Spends time	71%	61% ↓
Caring/compassionate	71%	64% ↓
Highly trained	70%	62% ↓
Have more successful results	64%	59% ↓

Arrows indicate the direction of statistically significant differences. Fellows could check all that apply from a list of technical, emotional and operational characteristics.