

Table 3 AAOS fellows' responses to "How do you believe patients would rate orthopaedists?"

	1998	2008
Successful results	89%	93% ↑
Highly trained	71%	76% ↑
Prestige	60%	67% ↑
Delivers value/cost	33%	39% ↑
Caring/compassionate	29%	32%
Listens to patients	21%	22%
Spends time answering questions	18%	19%
Easy to get appointment	15%	14%
Research oriented	13%	12%
Overall performance	77%	86% ↑

Arrows indicate the direction of statistically significant differences. Percentage results are based on combined performance ratings of #4 and #5 on a scale of 1 to 5, poor to excellent.