Meaningful Use for Surgeons — It’s Not as Complicated as You Think

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It’s spring. Have you started your Meaningful Use reporting yet? More important, have you begun reporting at all? “Say the words Meaningful Use to most orthopedists, and they usually roll their eyes or shake their heads,” says Cheyenne Brinson, MBA, CPA, a KarenZupko & Associates consultant who has been advising surgical practices on Meaningful Use since the program’s inception. Although many orthopedists are successfully using certified electronic health records (EHRs) to e-prescribe and enter radiology and laboratory orders, Brinson says many other requirements are misunderstood and perceived as overly complex. In many cases, practices are doing more work than they need to in order to attest.

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