On initial consideration, the patient portal portion of Meaningful Use (MU) might seem:

- Daunting
- More appropriate for primary care practices than for orthopaedic surgery practices
- Just another government requirement with no real practical application
- Too much work for not enough reward
- Unnecessary for your [pick one: elderly, boomer, pediatric, rural, tertiary-care, small-town] patient population
- Like another dreaded change

But contemplate traveler’s checks, phone booths, floppy disks, and inpatient ACL repairs for a few nanoseconds and realize
that patient portals in orthopedic surgery practices are also:

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