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Dr. Opelka is a physician executive and surgeon. He serves as a medical director for quality and health policy for the American College of Surgeons. His primary areas of work have been on defining episodes of surgical care and how to value surgical service lines using episode grouper logic. He participated in the original development of the episode definitions in design of the Episode Grouper for Medicare (EGM). His work in alternative payment models includes a Medicare proposal adopted by the CMS PTAC for further exploration by the Medicare Innovation Center (CMMI). He has been instrumental in promoting adoption of patient centered episodes of care and associating those episodes with their most appropriate quality and safety metrics.

Dr. Opelka also has a distinguished career as an academic colon and rectal surgeon with executive positions, group practice presidency, and clinical practices previously in the LSU University Hospital (New Orleans), the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and Harvard Medical School (Boston), the Ochsner Medical Foundation (New Orleans) and the US Army Medical Corps, Special Operations Medicine. He has delivered numerous keynotes and presentations across the globe related to health policy and transformation into value-based healthcare. He has published in clinical texts, surgical journals and served as a reviewing editor in over five peer reviewed journals.