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a bright ray of sunshine every day.
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The U.S. healthcare system is in the process of its most significant change since the creation of Medicare and Medicaid in 1965. The passage of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act in 2010 initiated a series of changes in government programs that will change who has health insurance, how doctors and hospitals are paid, and how physicians relate to patients, hospitals, and insurance companies. Simultaneously with the federal health reform initiatives, commercial health insurance companies are on a parallel path to create care delivery programs that are designed to improve quality and reduce the total cost of care.

Whether change is due to federal legislation or a response to market forces, the healthcare system of the future will have a very different structure than what is observed today. In order to prepare for a transformed healthcare environment, medical practices and their leaders need a firm foundation. The second edition of Physician Practice Management: Essential Operational and Financial Knowledge was designed to provide the information that practice leaders will need now and in the future. Every critical aspect of practice is addressed in the text by authors who have attained national recognition for their expertise and knowledge.

In the midst of the changes underway in the healthcare system, the Medical Group Management Association (MGMA) and the American College of Medical Practice Executives (ACMPE) are in their own transformation. In October 2011, the respective memberships of the two organizations approved their merger into a new association effective January 1, 2012. The new association, MGMA-ACMPE, will be better positioned to serve our members and the industry in the rapidly changing healthcare marketplace. The MGMA-ACMPE vision to “be the foremost resource for members and their organizations in creating and improving systems that complement the delivery of affordable, quality patient care” shows our commitment to the needs of medical practices and their leaders.

The 21 chapters of the second edition of Physician Practice Management: Essential Operational and Financial Knowledge address the spectrum of management issues facing medical practices. The text is divided into three sections to concentrate similar topics for the reader’s convenience. Each of these sections, Practice Operations and Functions, Monitoring and Controlling Physician Organizations, and Essential Knowledge for Contemporary Management, could stand alone as a definitive text; in
combination, they make this text the most comprehensive source of practice management information available in a single document.

Section I, Practice Operations and Functions, provides a broad overview of health issues including the evolution of medicine and how healthcare is delivered in other countries. The section continues with chapters that address general practice operations, the organization of medical groups, physician leadership, nursing leadership, human resources management, and marketing. Six of the chapters in this section were in the First Edition and have received extensive updates, including the differences in the manner in which malpractice lawsuits are handled and the impact of these lawsuits in the United States. A new Chapter 7, Public Health and Private Physician Medical Practice Preparedness: Can We Be Medically Prepared for the Next Disaster?, replaces the chapter on bioterrorism in the first edition with information that discusses how a medical practice can prepare for and minimize the impact of natural or human-caused disasters.

Section II, Monitoring and Controlling Physician Organizations, addresses the controlling and management systems within the practice. This section has chapters that address governance, accounting, finance, benchmarking techniques, electronic health records, management information systems, and risk management that update the content of the first edition. It begins with a new chapter, Physician Practice: Organization, Management, and Operation, which introduces the section and provides a summary of information on practice governance and organizational structure.

The last section, Essential Knowledge for Contemporary Management, has six chapters that update the content of the First Edition. These chapters cover the laws and federal regulations that affect internal operations and external relationships. They also address how compensation plans can incentivize provider productivity and how facility design affects patient care and throughput. Two new chapters focus on the information that healthcare leaders need to structure physician employment contracts that comply with federal regulations.

Just as this text is the definitive reference for a medical practice or senior hospital executive, it also is the ideal reference for administrators seeking ACMPE certification or Fellowship. The certification test process is designed to verify and validate expertise and experience in medical practice management; administrators who pass the ACMPE certification examinations are recognized as having the unique knowledge and skill set for medical practice management. The extensive depth of content in the second edition of Physician Practice Management: Essential Operational and Financial Knowledge makes this text the ideal study guide for the ACMPE examinations because the chapters in this book cover the entire scope of the body of knowledge for medical practice management.

The chapter authors represent a cross-section of the most knowledgeable authorities in their fields. The authors come from academia, healthcare organizations, law firms, associations, architectural firms, and consulting organizations and bring a level of expertise that is unmatched in any other health management publication. The authors’ academic and professional credentials are exemplary, with many holding dual professional degrees. Additionally, most of the authors have attained the highest level of certification and recognition in their respective fields. Among the medical practice executives who contributed to this text, nine are either Certified Medical Practice Executives or Fellows in the American College of Medical Practice Executives (ACMPE). Attaining Fellowship in the ACMPE is the highest credential in medical practice management.

The first edition of Physician Practice Management: Essential Operational and Financial Knowledge was published in 2005 and was quickly recognized as the authoritative text describing medical practice management. This second edition adds new information that keeps the publication current so it can continue to meet the demanding information needs of medical practice leaders. This text should be included on the bookshelf of every medical practice executive.

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When the outlining of this book began, all authors, coauthors, and editors realized that we were entering a time of significant change in the healthcare industry. As stated in the foreword, it did not matter whether the change was being influenced by legislation or by other exogenous factors. Rapid and, at times, contentious change was occurring. The challenge was how to write and produce a text that would both be able to address these possible changes and be accurate and educational. The writing of the manuscripts was paced in such a way that the authors would have enough time to research and absorb possible changes, and to determine the degree to which they could or would affect their specific topical areas. Some authors’ topics were likely to be dramatically affected, and others to a lesser degree. In retrospect it appears that the longer process time for the book has paid off.

There are 21 chapters in the second edition of this text, all written by authors with outstanding reputations in each of their respective areas of expertise. Most have terminal degrees in their fields, and nine are Fellows in the American College of Medical Practice Executives. There are new authors as well, such as Sheila Richmeier who wrote an outstanding chapter on nursing management and the changes that are, and will be, occurring in that area, and Neill Piland who coordinated, with his coauthors, a very robust chapter on disaster preparedness. The lead author of that chapter, Denise O’Farrell, has achieved excellence in threading many subtopics together into a critical chapter, and doing so in such a highly professional manner, while at the same time personally facing other life challenges. Other new authors are Richard Naegle and Kelly Ann VanDenHaute, who took a topic of quite some detail, tax-qualified retirement plans and fringe benefits, and made it easily understood and very much on point. Perhaps the most likely area to absorb major change now and in the future is information systems, and Margret Amatayakul wrote an exemplary chapter on this topic. Changes affecting this area can be encompassed in entire texts, but Margret has covered the subject well, and logically, in just one chapter. Dan Buscko and his coauthors also wrote an excellent chapter on medical malpractice, an area that may change in the future.

Special thanks to Bruce Johnson, who, with an extremely busy schedule, was able to complete two chapters, one with colleague Jennifer Weinfeld and one by himself. Peter Stergios and colleagues wrote a chapter on labor and employment law that is very interesting, and is one of those areas that is likely to sustain substantial change in the future.
Thanks to each of the authors who have published in previous editions of this book for their unhesitating willingness to, once again, go through the process. The accounting and budgeting chapter written by Steven Andes and Dave Gans, the chapter on financial management and reporting by Lee Ann Webster, and the one on practice benchmarking written by Elizabeth Woodcock, all updated, integrate with each other as if they were meant to be a small book on these interlocking topics. Continued thanks to Geraldine Amori for her chapter on risk management, and Mike Kelley and colleagues for their chapter exploring practice organization and finance.

Another area that is likely to continue to experience significant change, as MDs coalesce into large and super-large groups and hospitals continue to acquire practices, is facility design for large practices. The chapter on facility design, written by Richard Sprow and colleagues, is exemplary in exploring the architectural and design implications of the medical office of the future. As Medicare, Medicaid, and commercial insurers increase the intensity of fraud and abuse auditing, and Medicare in particular continues to recoup large sums of money for noncompliance, the chapter composed by Michael Costa and his colleagues is a must-read.

The remaining authors who are to be acknowledged are Grant Savage and his colleagues, who, once again, have raised the bar on their comparative analysis of, now, 12 countries. They also have expanded the analysis of these countries to include the manner in which malpractice lawsuits are adjudicated, whether there are limitations on malpractice monetary awards, and, in the case of the United States, how much is spent on malpractice awards. Stephen Wagner has written an excellent chapter on the organization and operations of medical groups. As the number of large medical groups continues to increase, whether they are independent or part of a system, physician leadership and "team" physician and lay leadership become more important.

In the 1990s, when large-scale physician acquisition by hospitals occurred, some believed that not enough time was expended in on-boarding physicians who had long practiced in small groups, and little time and attention were given by many organizations to accommodate the abrupt change from private practice to employed physician. They were now legally employees of hospitals, but the result, in retrospect, did not appear to be satisfactory or productive. Dr. Gary Kaplan, the chairman and CEO of Virginia Mason Health System, a very respected integrated system, has shared his experience about physician leadership in medical group practice. The challenges in building a team approach to leadership and management, and the positive alignment of hospitals with physicians, is an addition to this book that is well worth reading. An award-winning book, Transforming Health Care: Virginia Mason Medical Center's Pursuit of the Perfect Patient Experience, by Charles Kenney, also is worth reading. It takes the reader through the ups and downs of creating an aligned system that works, the end product of which is a positive patient experience and keen attention to clinical outcomes.

Many hospitals currently may be making "oversights" similar to those in the 1990s, and in addition to the previously mentioned topic of physician leadership, the area of marketing also continues to be overlooked. Roberta Clarke, a professor, author, and leader in marketing healthcare, writes a comprehensive chapter that addresses good marketing in general, but how marketing is even more important in a changing industry. Branding an enlarging health system as a "system" is important, but creating a public identity for a large physician network or group also is important.

In 1910 Abraham Flexner wrote a book on medical education in the United States and Canada (The Flexner Report); to this day, many of the suggestions he made continue to influence hospitals and physicians. Many aspects of the book, sponsored by the Carnegie Foundation, also remain controversial. It stated, among many things, that the hospital was the doctor's workshop (much less so now with the emergence of very large independent groups with satellite offices that provide a wide range of services). Flexner's statement is likely to be the case in the future, regardless of the size and geographic reach of a system. Therefore, subordinating the identity of a large physician group or network that is owned by a health system may be underutilizing the marketing and public relations "capital" of the physicians. Dr. Clark provides a compelling argument for the importance of marketing in today's changing environment. It is perhaps even more important now than historically, because as systems expand in size, the consumer has greater difficulty in differentiating the centers of excellence among these organizations because without astute marketing they may sound like they all are excellent in all things... and logic suggests that this cannot be the case.

The last area that has evolved quickly in response to the speed of change in the industry is human resources management, and Michael O'Connell has produced a chapter that considers the new pressures on this critical function in a rapidly changing setting; as in the first edition, he does so in an easy-reading, yet detailed manner.
In summary, the authors of this text all are highly skilled, trained, and respected in their respective fields. Many have multiple academic degrees. Yet, in spite of the fact that they all are extremely busy, they took the time and effort to research, to speculate on the impact of changes in the industry, and to envision the impact of those changes on their own areas of specialization.

I thank all authors, coauthors, and editors for selflessly taking the time to work on this project. It is my hope that this text becomes one that is widely read for the knowledge and wisdom that it contains, and the contemporary healthcare issues that it addresses.

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Chapter 2

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Other publications include a book titled *Organizational Governance and Group Dynamics*, published by the MGMA as part of its American College of Medical Practice Executive Body of Knowledge Series (2006, revised 2008). More recently, Dr. Wagner served as the co-investigator of a study, “Effect of a Web-Based Self-Management Intervention on Patient Activation: A Randomized Controlled Trial.” The study was presented at the HIMSS11 Annual Conference and an article of the same name is in press at the *Journal of Medical Internet Research*.

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- Virginia Mason was one of five hospitals honored with the 2011 American Hospital Association-McKesson Quest for Quality Prize, presented annually to honor leadership and innovation in quality improvement and safety.
- Virginia Mason was named a 2011 Distinguished Hospital for Clinical Excellence by HealthGrades, placing Virginia Mason among the top 5% of hospitals nationwide—the fourth time Virginia Mason had earned this honor.
- Virginia Mason is considered to be the national leader in deploying the Toyota Production System to healthcare management—reducing the high costs of healthcare while improving quality, safety, and efficiency to deliver better, faster, and more affordable care.

In addition to caring for patients and serving as chairman and CEO, Dr. Kaplan is a clinical professor at the University of Washington and has been recognized for his service and contribution to many regional and national boards, including the Institute for Healthcare Improvement, the Medical Group Management Association, the National Patient Safety Foundation, the Greater Seattle Chamber of Commerce, the Washington Healthcare Forum, the Seattle Foundation, and Special Olympics of Washington.

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- *Modern Healthcare* ranked Dr. Kaplan thirty-third in its 2011 listing of the 100 Most Influential People in Healthcare.
- *Modern Physician* and *Modern Healthcare* ranked Dr. Kaplan twelfth in the 2011 listing of the 50 Most Influential Physician Executives.
- In 2011, *Becker’s Hospital Review* listed Dr. Kaplan as one of the 13 Most Influential Patient Safety Advocates in the United States, and named him as one of 291 U.S. Health and Hospital Leaders to Know.

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Chapter 13

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Chapter 14

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Chapter 21

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