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The constantly emerging and changing healthcare environment has spurred many discussions, forums, and summits over the past decade, culminating in a call to action. Stakeholders, consumers, and healthcare providers are leading a peaceful and staged revolution in nursing, known as the clinical nurse leader. Practice and education partnerships are forging forward with innovative strategies that are exponentially changing the direction of how care is delivered. Early adopters of the role have multiple outcomes that support how the role can transform care across a complete range of programs and services.

This textbook is a collection of innovative techniques and examples, provided by multiple academic and practice partners, that will be useful to clinical nurse leaders, students, and faculty, clinical partners, and administrators. We are grateful for the vision and courage of the membership of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, Deans and Directors, the Department of Veterans Affairs, practice partners, clinical nurse leaders, and students who are matriculating through programs of study.

Thank you,  
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