

Book: *Health Care Administration: Planning, Implementing, and Managing Organized Delivery Systems; Fourth Edition*

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This is an excellent textbook that covers a great majority of healthcare topics today. Although it is lengthy it was easy to read and comprehend. Selecting one chapter of interest at a time made the read all the more interesting and main ideas retainable. The textbook also covers a 12-country comparison, which greatly adds to the understanding and appreciation of this complex market. The target audience is not limited to students, rather the author attempts to target all individuals who have a stake in the current and future of healthcare; thus the intent is directed at providing the reader with a thorough understanding of the majority of the topics relevant to the healthcare industry today.

This is a thorough textbook consisting of 27 chapters and written by 57 contributors all with impressive reputations in the healthcare industry. Their biographical briefs are presented after each chapter following the references. There are two parts to this book; in Part 1 the chapters are related to organized delivery systems from the systems and corporate perspective, and in Part 2 the chapters concentrate and are taken from the hospitals perspective within such systems. This is an excellent resource that does not require the reader to read in a sequential order. The authors do an excellent job of utilizing and listing referenced material, which can be used to immerse the reader in the topic of choice allowing for greater understanding and comprehension of that particular topic. There are also multiple examples, charts, and tables that can be used and modified by the reader. The following is the table of content as outlined in the textbook:

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Overall, this textbook truly offers more technical detail and an understanding of multiple topics, focusing on organized delivery systems and the role of the hospital within that system. This edition also does an excellent job of ensuring such real world events, such as bioterrorism preparedness and biomedical ethics, are captured and presented in a clear and concise manner. This textbook provides details and, where the details are not sufficient for the intended purposes of the reader, the references allow for much greater immersion within that chapter's or chapters' topics. This is a definite add for any library.