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## Healthcare in the United States

Clinical, Financial, and Operational Dimensions

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*Healthcare in the United States: Clinical, Financial, and Operational Dimensions* offers an introductory overview of the American healthcare system by exploring its many organizations, populations, professions, structures, financing, and delivery models, as well as their impact. Authors Stephen L. Walston and Kenneth L. Johnson delve into the many conflicting issues related to cost, access, and quality.

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*The United States does not actually have a "system" of healthcare, but rather many systems. This textbook will examine and elaborate these overlapping components, trace their development, and assess their impact on the people of the United States.*

——Stephen L. Walston, PhD, and Kenneth L. Johnson, PhD, FACHE

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