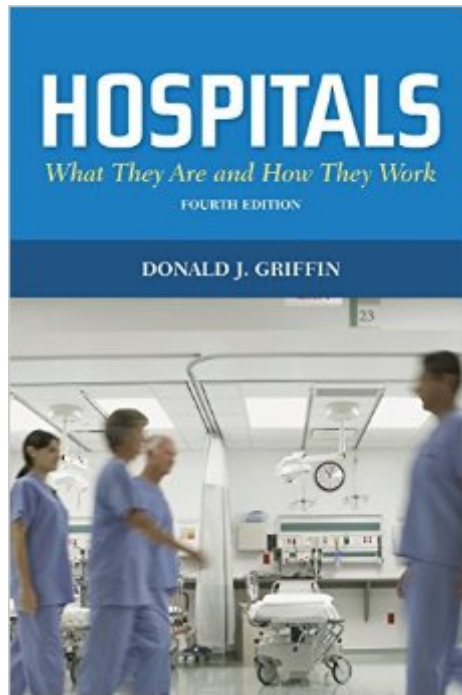


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Hospitals and medical centers are very complex operations, treating thousands of patients, not yearly, but monthly. Some patients visit the hospital for routine tests or outpatient imaging services, others to give birth, many face life threatening emergencies, and some will not leave the institution alive—so is the daily routine of a modern medical center whether in San Marcos, Texas, Shanghai, China, or Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. This text is designed to simplify the complexity of the medical center by breaking it down into manageable portions. The reader will be guided not only through the medical, surgical, ancillary and support services, the financial center responsible for accounting, billing, collecting and the ever important budget. The reader should be able to better understand the necessity of quality improvement, patient safety, and accreditation. The Fourth Edition features new contributing authors for each chapter—experts on issues such as hospital finance, medical records, laboratory science, nursing, and more. Using a consistent framework, the chapters are woven together to provide seamless instruction for your students. The text begins with a history of hospitals, hospital leadership and the board, then spans to the hands-on care-givers such as the medical staff, nurses, lab, imaging, pharmacy and various therapists, then covers ancillary and support services and the all to important finance division. The text is designed for healthcare students of all types, whether clinical such as medical students, nursing, physical therapy, respiratory, or laboratory, or non-clinical students such as healthcare administration, health information management, or healthcare finance—anyone seeking a macro view of today's hospital delivery system. The text is an all encompassing examination of hospitals, what they are and how they work.

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People in healthcare do a horrible job explaining things. It's like when you go to the car mechanic and they start talking about how a certain part of the transmission is messed up and how the catalytic converter wasn't getting enough air and you're totally lost and wondering what a transmission is in the first place. Contrast that to when you learned about basic biology. You learned that we're made up of cells, there are different kinds of cells, and there are components within the cell like the cytoplasm and nucleus. It's always explained very systematically and clearly. If you asked someone in the healthcare world to explain what a cell is, they would probably start by rambling about the golgi complex and why it's shaped the way it is. For so long I've yearned for people to back up and say, "ok, here are the different components of a hospital and this is how it works." I thought this book might be it. It's not. Instead, it takes the approach that plagued my entire graduate career where different specialists are asked to talk/write about a certain topic. Instead of someone really being thoughtful about what we might want to know about nursing, what might not make sense, and what the best way to present that information might be, it's as if someone just said, "we need a section on nursing" and hired a nurse to write about whatever they thought was relevant. Author gets to say "cool, nursing covered, next section." But this sort of check-the-boxes approach allows for the type of rambling mentioned at the beginning of this review, and the book ends up reading about as well as you would expect for a book put together by a bunch of authors who haven't talked to each other. Words are brought up but not defined.

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