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The articles in this first edition of *Outpatient Surgery* reflect the range of topics we’ve covered over the past few years to help keep readers abreast of the rapid changes in this area.

Whether you’re struggling to meet the requirements of surveys conducted by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, improve processes designed to ensure patient safety and comfort, obtain accreditation from the Joint Commission or the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care, upgrade your electronic health records, or redesign your facility, you’ll find relevant articles in this book.

Changes in healthcare laws are having a significant impact on revenues, staffing, and business operations. *OR Manager* has followed these issues and reported on them in a timely manner, and this compilation is designed to serve as a one-stop resource where you’ll find background information to help you implement changes at your facility.

Recent articles, for example, have provided information on the implications of ICD-10 coding, changes to the outpatient payment rule, and what directors of outpatient surgery centers should expect as a result of the Affordable Care Act. We’ve also reported on technological advances that have broadened the range of procedures being performed at ambulatory surgery centers.

*OR Manager* will continue to follow these developments, and future articles will offer perspectives gleaned from the *OR Manager* Conference, other professional meetings, and in-depth interviews with experts. In the meantime, this first edition serves as a valuable resource with comprehensive coverage of what has occurred over the past few years and what we anticipate will be the trends in the future.

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