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The editor in chief is affiliated with the LSG & Associates, Santa Monica, California. The list of section editors comprises 8 experts, the list of contributors includes 58 experienced professionals from US universities, medical colleges and laboratories. The authors are all practicing laboratorians. As stated in the preface, the current environment for laboratory medicine and pathology continues to undergo dramatic transformation, influenced by significant changes in the legislative, regulatory reimbursement, technological, sociological, economic, communication, and business sectors. It is very important that individuals working within the healthcare environment learn to hear, speak, and thoroughly understand the operational language of healthcare administration. The volume is organized into 10 sections incorporating 50 chapters. Each chapter follows a consistent format that is designed to flow easily from one section to another. Particular chapters enclose 5–15 subchapters, are concluded with a summary with key points, a relevant glossary, references and additional suggested reading and resources, and appendices (forms, checklists, sample job descriptions, websites, etc). When appropriate, chapters contain work sheets, abbrevia-

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