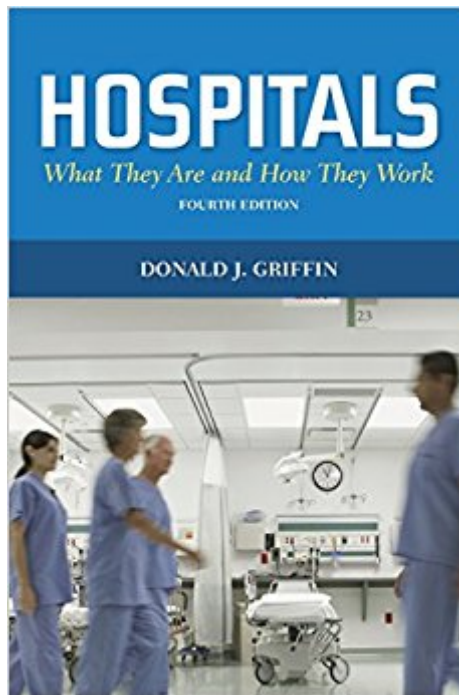




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Synopsis

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 too 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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I bought a copy of this when I started working for a hospital and it was a really good way to learn about all the moving parts and why/how each department is relevant to the organization and how they interact/overlap. After I read the book my director began recommending it to all new IT employees and they purchased a couple copies for our small library of books. Several years later I sometimes still pull it out when I start a new project involving a department I'm not so familiar with.

Very well written , useful book that is to the point. The book describes all the departments in a hospital in a very short, but meaningful manner. This makes my job as an administrator knowing what each department is about very simple to understand. I will continue to use this book throughout my career knowing the different department heads , workers, and how they interact between one another.

This book is great for someone that is not familiar with the various departments in a hospital. It explains each departments functions and responsibilities. I had to read this book for a graduate class and felt it was a very easy read. This book should be assigned for a more introductory healthcare course.

Very good book. It was a required reading for a class of mine. Although I knew quite a bit about the healthcare industry, i still learned quite a bit about the historical role of hospitals and how they function.

Enjoyed using this book. Well written, and very explanatory.

The author, Don Griffin, produced this 3rd edition. The 2nd edition was written by I. Snook Jr. in 2003. This is a great book to find out how hospitals are set up and work from a conceptual and business perspective. I think readers will appreciate this book for learning about careers in hospital administration. The book gives information such as the organizational chart of a typical hospital in the U.S. and the job descriptions of all functions. It describes the physical layout of hospitals and

provides charts and graphs of various trends. This was a very direct and fast way for me to learn the basics on how these ultra complex institutions operate.

This book is very introductory in nature and is for someone completely unfamiliar with the healthcare field.

I rented this book and it is tore up, very disappointed!

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