

PREFACE

The Section of Antitrust Law's goal with the second edition of the *Health Care Mergers and Acquisitions Handbook* is to provide a comprehensive and objective guide to the antitrust issues faced in health care transactions. Few industries in the United States have received more attention from the popular press and antitrust authorities than health care. Whether in response to business or legislative and regulatory pressures, health care companies have increasingly looked to transactions as a means to achieve cost savings, quality improvement, and population health management. At the same time, the antitrust agencies have promised robust enforcement in health care markets. The collision of these forces led to many significant legal developments in recent years, and also made producing an up-to-date treatment of these issues challenging. As a result of these important developments in the health care industry, this second edition bears little resemblance to the first edition.

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