serve as a useful reference manual for the practitioner, with ample illustrations, suggestions for further reading, resources for program development, and a detailed index. Since the emphasis on practical application is supported by a sound theoretical base, this book is a valuable asset for the pediatric occupational therapist.

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The Social Transformation of American Medicine is one of the most comprehensive studies on the rise of the medical profession and the development of the health care industry published to date. Starr is able to span the fields of medicine so that he discusses intelligently the economic, political, and historical developments in medical care. His writing is clear and succinct, his arguments are copiously footnoted, and the inferences he draws are sound.

In Book I, he covers "the rise of medical authority and the shaping of the medical system"; in Book II, "doctors, the State, and the coming of the corporation." Reviews by Daniel Bell of Harvard and George Silver of Yale call Starr's work brilliant—I would agree.

I would recommend this book to anyone who wants to understand the current health care system. Starr describes the movement of the medical profession from one that was initially viewed skeptically to one that was later embraced; and now, coming full circle, to one that is viewed critically. Starr maintains that the current status of American medicine is the result of our history of accommodating professional interests while failing to exercise control over health programs, and then needing to adopt piecemeal regulations and cut-backs on programs that become too inflationary.

One of the primary messages I take from this book is the importance of a combination of forces: a profession's authority, the political climate, and the current philosophy about health care.

Starr illustrates how these forces coalesce to defeat or achieve medical improvements. As occupational therapists, we are dependent on the development of the health care industry. It is wise for us to understand the forces that have an impact on medical care and what they could mean for our profession.

Kay Barbara Schwartz, M.S., OTR


This excellent surgical orthopedic textbook provides an organized, concise, and systematic review of orthopedic diagnoses and treatment. It is designed to meet the needs of medical students and residents training in orthopedics and general surgery. However, it is a useful reference book for occupational therapists who specialize in the treatment of orthopedic conditions. The textbook is divided into three sections: General Orthopedics (discusses orthopedic diagnoses and treatments); Regional Orthopedics (presents orthopedic problems relative to specific anatomical areas of the body); and Fractures and Joint Injuries (deals with the principles of fracture healing, fixation and ligamentous injuries).

Outstanding photographs and illustrations are most useful and enhance the effectiveness of the text. In addition, each section contains a comprehensive reference list and specific orthopedic diagnostic techniques and treatment procedures.

A useful text for the orthopedic specialist.

Martha K. Logigian, M.S., OTR


Despite its title, this book is a text designed for use in a clinical kinesiology course. The authors are physical therapy faculty at Boston University Sargent College. The text was developed for use in the program there.

The problem of finding an appropriate text for clinically oriented kinesiology courses is one that has been difficult historically. Texts on the market have often been strictly sports oriented or mathematically purist in the study...