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Dr. Bauer is a nationally recognized health futurist and medical economist. He is a partner in the management consulting practice of ACS Healthcare Solutions (Dearborn, MI), a leading provider of outsourcing, information technology, and business solutions to the health care industry. In his numerous publications and presentations, he forecasts the future of health care and describes practical, creative approaches to improving the health care delivery system.

Dr. Bauer has published more than 140 articles, books, Web pages, and videos on health care delivery. He speaks frequently to national audiences about key trends in health care, medical science, technology, reimbursement, information systems, public policy, and creative problem-solving. Dr. Bauer is quoted often in the national press and writes regularly for periodicals that cover the business of health care.

As a consultant, he assists hospitals and other provider organizations with leadership education, strategic planning and visioning, technology assessment, and service line transformation. His ongoing consulting work includes managing technology assessment for a 28-hospital health system, analyzing performance of clinical service lines, and developing strategic plans for hospitals and professional associations. In 2005, he facilitated an expert task force on the future of selected specialties for one of the nation's largest medical associations and supported strategic market assessments for two of the world's largest imaging technology companies.

His latest books are Telemedicine and the Reinvention of Health Care: The Seventh Revolution in Medicine (McGraw-Hill, 1999), Not What the Doctor Ordered (McGraw-Hill, 1998) and Statistical Analysis for Health Care Decision-Makers: Understanding and Evaluating Critical Information in a Competitive Market (McGraw-Hill, 1996). He is currently writing a book on the future of health care information and publishing a series of Web articles on key trends in selected clinical services (e.g., diagnostic imaging, orthopedics, home health, pharmaceuticals, molecular and genetic medicine, oncology, cardiology).

Dr. Bauer was a full-time teacher and administrator at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center in Denver (1973-1984). He held full-time academic appointments as Associate Professor in the Schools of Medicine and Dentistry and administrative appointment as Assistant Chancellor for Planning and Program Development. He served concurrently as Health Policy Adviser to Colorado Governor Richard D. Lamm (1980-1984). He also worked as a visiting clinical professor in the Administrative Medicine Program at the Medical School of the University of Wisconsin-Madison (1992-1997), where he taught physician executives how to evaluate research reports and other published studies. Additionally, Dr. Bauer was a Senior Fellow at the Center for the New West in Denver (1992-2001). His previous consulting firm, The Bauer Group, Inc., specialized in consumer-focused strategic planning for developing clinical affiliation agreements and multi-hospital networks (1984-1992).

He received his Ph.D. in economics from the University of Colorado-Boulder. He graduated from Colorado College in Colorado Springs with a B.A. in economics and completed a certificate in political studies at the University of Paris (France). During his academic career, he was a Boettcher Scholar, a Ford Foundation Independent Scholar, a Fulbright Scholar (Switzerland), and a Kellogg Foundation National Fellow.