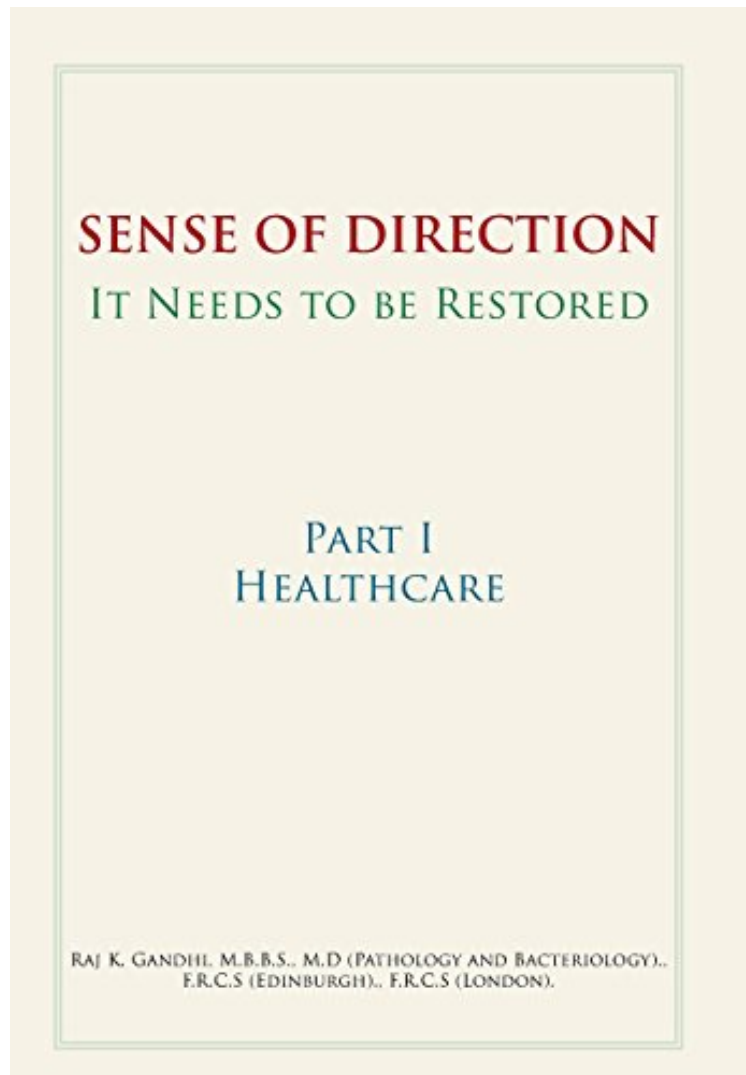


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both the care giver physicians and the patient. Most of the complexities leading to the current helpless situation have occurred during the past twenty or so years that witnessed an erosion of the physicians' healthcare decision making and quality of care, an extraordinary escalation in the undeserving and uncontrolled profits of drug companies, lawyers on both sides of the malpractice suits, the insurance companies, and the "bean counters" that are self styled HMO managers who should have no place in healthcare to begin with. Dr. Raj K. Gandhi has used his precise surgical thought process and global clinical / surgical expertise to dissect all of the key elements ailing our healthcare system. His narration of actual episodes and cases in an easy to understand language that keeps even a lay reader engaged, in spite of the cited medical terminologies that too are well explained, provides convincing evidence of the ills that have eroded our healthcare over the years. The chapter on "Conference of Uncles" is an entertaining but remarkably effective proposition of the potential international disgrace for the USA likely to occur if the 'sense of direction' of our healthcare system is not restored to what it used to be during the fifties to seventies when it was considered as one of the best in the world. In this chapter, Dr. Gandhi has given us a peep into his novelistic and dramatic abilities. These are relatively uncommon in professionals in the medical and other technical fields. In chapter 7, Sense of Direction, Dr. Gandhi has given precise statement of the problems as well as their solutions. The solutions to each of the problems are skillfully formulated, along with their rationales. This chapter presents the book as a synopsis, which in itself is adequate enough to convince the reader of the validity of his proposed solutions that must be adopted by the federal government and all other agencies involved, in order to restore our healthcare system. Our healthcare has to be affordable by all, and one that provides care to all our fellow beings in this country from birth to final journey, regardless of sex, age, color of the skin and/or national origin. This outstanding and timely book is a must for all federal healthcare czars, healthcare professionals, medical/ pharmacy/ dental/ nursing students about to graduate, and the pharmaceutical industry. I would rate this book at 4.5 stars for reading but 5 stars for the significance of the contents and its timeliness. Pushkar N. Kaul M. Pharm., F. I. C., Ph.D. (Berkeley) A. R. A. C. I., I. E. M. (Harvard) Professor of Biological Sciences Clark Atlanta University Atlanta, GA 30314 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Bold but common sense and creative approaches to reduce health care costs By Ram G. Sidhaye Book Review : Sense of Direction - It Needs To Be Restored - Part I Health Care by Dr. Raj Gandhi I will highly recommend this book to every one living in the United States of America and who cares for cost effective and efficient health care. Over the years, health costs are going up and up and up with no end in sight. In this book author, Dr. Gandhi, MD, a practicing surgeon for 30+ years in USA, offers bold but common sense and creative approaches to reduce health care costs without comprising quality of services and efficiency for all Americans. Dr. Gandhi has written this book based on his first hand experience in dealing with entities of all stripes offering health care insurance, hospitals, lawyers and patients. Reading of this book is not a drag because Dr. Gandhi narrates his experience in a fashion of a story telling. I am convinced that if he had not been a doctor, he would have been best-seller book writer. Special interest groups like pharmaceutical industry; insurance companies and others who misinform us and lobby with our elected officials for congressional actions to benefit their interest and not the interest of patients (i.e., you and me). No one is looking out what is in the best interest of patients. This book is a breath of fresh air. Dr. Gandhi has taken the lead and has suggested bold but common sense initiatives to address the current dire situation of health care in the United States of America. We must support him and make sure that our elected representatives take a serious look at suggestions made by Dr. Gandhi in his book. I am very thankful to Dr. Gandhi for writing this book for cost effective and efficient health care services for all Americans. Ram Sidhaye Norcross, GA

Our health care system is broken and messy. It is serving neither the patient nor the doctor well. It behooves us, the physicians, to take the lead and diligently try to fix it. --from THE SENSE OF DIRECTION The "invisible hand" will start healing and Adam Smith's "what is good for me" will still be vehemently pursued but not at the expense of others. With a restored sense of direction, it will be easy to not only fix the health care mess but tackle other problems also. -- from THE SENSE OF DIRECTION

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