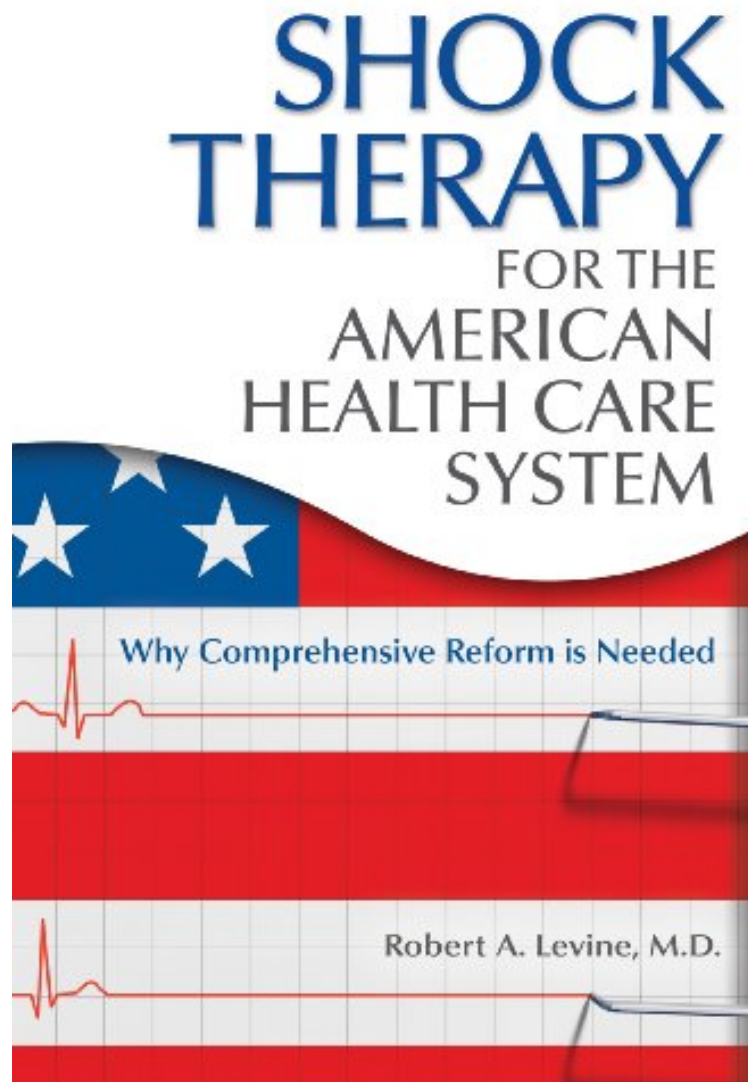


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reforms. As both a researcher and practicing neurologist his goal is to set the table for a series of reforms that he believes can bring modern health care practices to those in need of medical assistance, in a rational, cost-effective and egalitarian manner. Dr. Levine's proposal is at heart pragmatic, rejecting the dogmatic prescriptions of those who argue that the solutions must either be market-based or fully government owned and managed. His proposal for reform is well worth considering and debating, though it is probable that it will run into controversy from many of the special interest groups. It is likely that this book will play a role as the debate over health care reform heats up." (Peter S, Barth, PhD Professor of Economics, Emeritus, the University of Connecticut) About the Author Dr. Robert Levine is a neurologist in private practice in Norwalk, CT, former chief of neurology at Norwalk Hospital, and associate clinical professor of medicine at Yale University (ret).