



Preface
Practice management



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In this era of declining reimbursements, increasing overhead, and increased regulatory requirements, it is imperative for the practicing orthopedist to be cognizant of the operational and business aspects of his or her orthopedic practice. Furthermore, the orthopedist must be aware of allowable practice opportunities to increase his or her practice revenue.

This issue of *Clinics in Sports Medicine* relates the experience of physicians, business managers, medical consultants, and a health care attorney in assisting orthopedic physician groups to successfully increase their group practice revenue, with the addition of ancillary services and business enhancements.

Dr. Lanny Johnson, who is not only a pioneer and innovator in arthroscopic surgery, but also a brilliant businessman, will introduce these subjects with a philosophical discussion regarding “Taking back the practice of medicine!” Dr. Johnson’s comments could not be more appropriate in today’s medical practice climate and he sets the stage for this issue, which will hopefully help enlighten the orthopedic surgeon who wishes to improve his or her quality of life, service, and income as it relates to his or her personal orthopedic practice.

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