

## Preface



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When Mark Miller first asked me to put together an issue revolving around the “ins and outs” behind the nonclinical roles of a team physician, I first wondered why he chose me as opposed to a team physician. After all, I don’t hold a medical degree, nor have I ever served in the role of a team physician. So why ask me when there are so many others out there who have been successful team physicians and could have put this compilation together? I have known Mark Miller for nearly 5 years now, and rarely question his intuitiveness and forward-thinking. He is perhaps the ultimate multi-tasker, always performing at the highest levels of competence, and settles for nothing less than excellence. To work with him is a true pleasure and exemplifies the meaning behind the writings in this edition. It was clear to me from day 1 of our working relationship that as academically solid and clinically skilled Mark Miller is, he listens to others and understands what it takes to be successful in adapting to new environments. Together we formed a team, with contributions from many others who will never be overlooked or forgotten, that created a system of highly effective communication and trust, the two factors that I believe are necessary in any relationship. During the past 5 years, I learned a lot from Mark Miller, and I would like to believe that he learned something from me. Together, we realized more and more each day how dependent we were on each other to maintain the goals and objectives we envisioned to set the standard of care for our sports medicine department. In knowing that we are merely but one team of many that exist, we sought to glean expertise from others who have been in the trenches of all levels of sports. And so what you have is a collective product of life experiences that we believe is the first ever compiled in this format. We are so fortunate to learn from the best of the best. Anyone who has any interest in sports medicine will

cherish the candid writings contained within from such highly respected individuals as Jim Andrews, Jim Whiteside, Larry Lemak, Mary Lloyd Ireland, Joel Boyd, Ed McFarland, and Freddie Fu. Whether you are a seasoned team physician or someone hoping to land a role as a future team physician, I believe that you will find the information shared in this edition to be rewarding and enjoyable reading material. I am truly honored to facilitate this less-than-scientific collection of thoughts that have more meaning and wisdom than any evidence-based study I have read to date. We should all be thankful to the individuals who have contributed their most sincere, and in many cases, controversial experiences with the rest of us. What follows is, as we always tell our students, what one will experience in the real world.

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