

## PREFACE TO THE 2026 EDITION

We are pleased to bring you the 2026 Edition of *The Law of Medical Practice in Illinois, 3d*. This 2026 Edition replaces the 2025 Edition. Like the previous editions, this edition is designed to serve as a reference and resource text for attorneys with health law practices, physicians, hospital and health plan administrators, risk managers, insurance professionals, legal and medical educators, and students.

Highlights of the new and updated content in this 2026 Edition include:

- Statutory and regulatory updates
- Case law updates
- Recent changes of note include:
  1. Chapter 2 updated to reflect changes in health care professional licensing requirements.
  2. Chapter 15 updated on the topics of: physician assisted dying; and use of certified anesthesiologist assistants in Illinois hospitals and ambulatory surgery treatment centers.
  3. Chapter 19 updated with the current anti-trust considerations.

Because this treatise is intended for legal and non-legal readers, an effort has been made to structure the textual discussion in a manner that is understandable to both groups. To provide the attorney, health care professional or researcher with additional research guidance and meaningful reference data, extensive footnotes include citations to primary and secondary authority, including references to the World Wide Web in support of textual discussion.

The material presented in this treatise is primarily referenced to Illinois case law, statutes, regulations, and rules of evidence, as well as to federal case law, statutes, regulations, and rules of evidence applicable in Illinois. In situations where Illinois law has not addressed certain legal issues, reference is made to the law of other jurisdictions for analogous guidance.

A determined effort has been made to identify and anticipate the types of medical legal problems that arise in connection with medical practice in the state of Illinois. Should readers find that

they are in need of additional information or data in a given area or believe that the treatise could more comprehensively address a particular point, the editors invite written correspondence and feedback. Such feedback will be useful in the process of developing annual updates to the treatise.

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