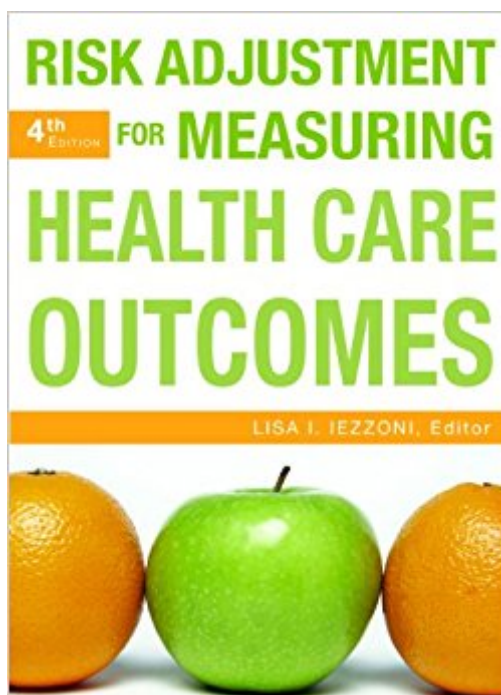


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Lisa Iezzoni, a professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School, has provided an excellent update on her classic edited volume which will be the go-to resource for anyone working on risk adjustment topics, whether they are doing population-based risk adjustment used for payment or profiling or severity/case mix adjustment used for episodes or event analysis. The substantially revised book includes not only the conceptual, clinical, and statistical discussion of the area, but also describes available Medicare and survey datasets, model comparisons, propensity score matching, lists of information potentially useful for prediction, clinical classification, variables clinical, social and statistical issues. Contributions on statistical methodology, as well as separate chapters on mental health, pediatric, long term care, persons with disabilities, managing healthcare organizations, and provider profiling are particularly useful. Its main weaknesses are in not capturing international developments at all, avoiding comment on the commercial risk adjustment market, and not covering most nonlinear and econometric (as distinct from statistical) issues well. Still, it should be required reading and reference source for anyone planning to do work in this area.

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