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The first four sections of this book present the here and now. Readers can take these ideas with them and apply them immediately. Section 5, on the other hand, offers readers the future to ponder. Of course, with technology and Moore’s law, this future is now—from data tracking to telehealth to decision support systems to Web-enabled medicine to health surveillance to bioterrorism. These are the technologies that will lead us into the next revolution. As the beginning of one chapter in this section states, “The Internet changes everything!” The author then elaborates on the potential of the Internet as the technology that will continue to revolutionize the healthcare industry. That chapter, which underscores the power of information technology as an agent of change, epitomizes the theme of this book.

This book also has a decided emphasis on the patient as center. As the title of Neal Patterson’s chapter promises, the mission of information technology in health care is to create a system that cares. This book is a testament that that mission is well under way.