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Dr. Goldschmidt is currently principal consultant to the Agency for Health Care Quality and Research for the implementation of the *Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act of 2005*. He has extensive experience in the design and deployment of health and management information and decision support systems. He is an expert on outcomes research and cost-effectiveness analysis. He is the author of *Quality management in health care* (published by McGraw Hill, 1995). For the U.S. Department of Defense, he designed the Civilian External Peer Review Program, which was used worldwide; the VA also adopted this model. He also designed the first commercially-available system for routinely assessing the quality of hospital care. As a Consultant to the U.S. Institute of Medicine, he designed the *Medical Technology Assessment Directory*. He is a former member of the U.S. Technology Coordinating Committee. His activities for the U.S. Congress Office of Technology Assessment included writing a background paper for its study on the quality of medical care, and serving on the advisory panel for its study of *VA Decentralized Hospital Computer Systems*. His most important studies include the *Medical Practice Information Demonstration Project* (for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services), and a *Comprehensive Study of the Ethical, Legal, and Social Implications of Biomedical and Behavioral Research and Technology* (a study mandated by the U.S. Congress).

Dr. Goldschmidt is currently a member of several expert committees, including those for 1) standard development - EHR-PH profile project (public health), HITSP (quality), HL7 (patient safety), ISO TC-215 & US-TAG (health informatics), and JIC projects (adverse event reporting) - and 2) program evaluation - World Alliance for Patient Safety "Action on Patient Safety" (High 5s) initiative, Evaluation Committee & Event Analysis Subcommittee. He was a member of the Computer-based Patient Record Institute's Concept Model Subcommittee of the Codes and Structure Workgroup, and of the special Pan-American Health Organization expert committee on health information systems. Dr. Goldschmidt's international health experience includes projects for the Canadian Patient Safety Institute, U.S. Agency for International Development (AID), U.S. Trade and Development Agency (TDA), World Bank, and World Health Organization. For AID, he assisted the Egyptian Ministry of Health strengthen rural health services, and evaluated a nationwide replication plan for primary health care in rural Egypt. For TDA, he has conducted definitional missions to Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Greece, Indonesia, and Poland, and has performed studies regarding Azerbaijan, China, Egypt, Hungary, Poland, Russia, South Africa, and Uzbekistan. As a consultant to World Bank, Dr. Goldschmidt assisted the government of Yemen Arab Republic to develop its health sector. As a consultant to WHO in Geneva, he conducted a worldwide survey of health manpower development. This study included case-study site visits to, Barbados, Costa Rica, Ethiopia, Gabon, Indonesia, and Malaysia.

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