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J.D. Kleinke is a medical economist, author, and entrepreneur. He has been instrumental in the creation of four health care information organizations, served on the Boards of several health care companies, and advised both sides of the political aisle on pragmatic approaches to health policy and legislation.

J.D. was one of the early developers of the health care informatics industry. In the 1990s, he was a principal architect in the creation and rapid growth of *HCIA/Solucient* - now *Truven Health Analytics* - from a niche health care data analysis firm to a leading provider of information products to health care organizations across the U.S. and Europe. He also helped establish *HealthGrades*, which he served as Executive Vice Chairman of the Board.

Before HCIA, J.D. was the Director of Corporate Programs at *Sheppard Pratt Health System*, the largest private psychiatric hospital in the US. While at Sheppard Pratt, J.D. developed and managed -- at the age of 28 -- the nation's first provider-based, managed mental health care system.

J.D. has served as a member of the Editorial Board of *Health Affairs* and frequent contributor to *The Wall Street Journal* and *The Huffington Post*. As a Resident Fellow at the conservative think tank, the *American Enterprise Institute*, J.D. was the first to publish in the national media about the conservative origins of the Affordable Care Act. His article on these origins in *The New York Times*, "The Conservative Case for Obamacare" -- published five weeks before the re-election of President Obama -- generated significant controversy, but has since become part of the nation's understanding of the law.

Finally, he is the author of three books about the US health care system, most recently *Catching Babies*, a novel about the training and culture of OB/GYNs.