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J.D. Kleinke is a medical economist, author, and former entrepreneur. He has been instrumental in the creation of four health care information organizations; has served on the Boards of several health care companies; and spent many years advising both sides of the political aisle on non-partisan, practical approaches to health policy and legislation.

J.D. was one of the pioneers 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 when it was a public company.

J.D. has been a member of the Editorial Board of *Health Affairs* and a frequent contributor to *The Wall Street Journal* and *The Huffington Post*. As a Resident Fellow at the *American Enterprise Institute*, J.D. was the first to publish in the national media about the actual 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, a little bit of show business. J.D. is the author of three books about the US health care system, including the critically acclaimed *Catching Babies* – a novel about the training and culture of OB/GYNs, which is currently in development as a television series by Warners Bros TV and ABC.