

TRANSITION GUIDE

Risk Adjustment for Measuring Healthcare Outcomes, Fourth Edition

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Throughout the book, we updated examples AS APPROPRIATE. However, we retained examples that represent seminal or foundational research, because they illustrate core principles and concepts that are unlikely to change.

Comparisons by Chapter		
Number	Title	Comparison to Third Edition
1	Reasons for Risk Adjustment	Puts risk adjustment into current health care delivery system and policy context
2	Getting Started and Defining Terms	Eliminates descriptions of legacy risk adjustment methods because products are changing so rapidly; focuses on principles and concepts
3	Range of Risk Factors	Updates material based on entirely new information about genetics (which has exploded since last edition) and new focus on social and environmental determinants of health
4	Windows of Observation	Updated examples: basic principles and concepts
5	Coded Data from Administrative Sources	Updates to reflect current administrative data systems and new coding methods
6	Clinical Data from Medical Records and Health Information Technologies	Updates to reflect current emphasis on electronic health records, which have exploded since last edition
7	Data from Patient Surveys	Updates to reflect current use of patient surveys, which have expanded since last edition
8	Conceptual and Practical Issues in Developing Risk-Adjustment Methods	Updated examples: basic principles and concepts
9	Validity and Reliability of Risk-Adjustment Methods	Updated examples: basic principles and concepts
10	Empirically Evaluating Risk-Adjustment Methods	Updated examples: basic principles and concepts
11	Estimating the Effect of an Intervention from Observational Data	Updated examples and statistical methods

12	Comparing Outcomes Across Providers	Updates with new statistical methods
13	Risk Adjustment in Pediatric Populations	Updated examples: basic principles and concepts
14	Risk Adjustment for Mental Health Care	Updated examples: basic principles and concepts
15	Risk Adjustment and Persons with Disabilities	Updated examples: basic principles and concepts
16	Risk Adjustment for Long-term Care	Updated examples: basic principles and concepts
17	The Role of Risk Adjustment in Managing Health Care Organizations	New to fourth edition
18	Final Observations	Adds current health policy context