

## Book Review

**White Coat Wisdom**, by Stephen J. Busalacchi, 590 pp, with illus, \$34.95, PO Box 628044, Madison, WI 53562, Apollo's Voice (telephone: 608-698-5298), 2008, ISBN 978-0-9794222-0-1

*Type and Scope of Book:* An oral history obtained from 35 Wisconsin physicians, a Wisconsin premedicine student, and portions of a 1999 speech given by another Wisconsin physician who died before his planned interview.

*Contents:* The 37 chapters are grouped into 11 categories entitled as follows: No Strain, No Gain; Innovators; Ounce of Publicity, Pound of Cure; Performing Artists; Life on Call; Frayed Net; Physicians Who Listen; Medicine on Trial; World Class; Grave Matters; and Tribute.

*Strengths:* Of the 37 chapters, 35 are the author's edited versions of conversations with his Wisconsin physician friends. The book is clear, concise, and well written. Nearly every chapter brought forth familiar feelings and thoughts. A reader can start with any chapter; some stories will be more applicable on one day than another.

*Deficiencies:* The author, an experienced medicine communicator, seems to have chosen articulate, committed Wisconsin physicians. A reader will have to decide if their stories represent the Heartland today.

*Recommended Readership:* All physicians and anyone who wants insight into medical practice in Wisconsin.

*Overall Grading:* ★★★★★

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