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## PREFACE

This new edition of Royalty Rates for Medical Devices & Diagnostics is greatly enhanced. It provides more royalty rates from real world events, an expanded section about general royalty rate guidance and an article providing information about royalty audits.

### Royalty Rate Data

The amount of royalty rate data from real world transactions and jury awards is 25% greater than the previous edition. The data was discovered from license agreements between independent third parties and from jury awards in patent infringement litigation. Over 90% of the royalty rates were based on a percentage of sales. Only reputable sources of information have been used. These include filings with the Security & Exchange Commission., company press releases and court opinions. Some of the information comes from highly respected newspapers.

### General Royalty Rate Guidance

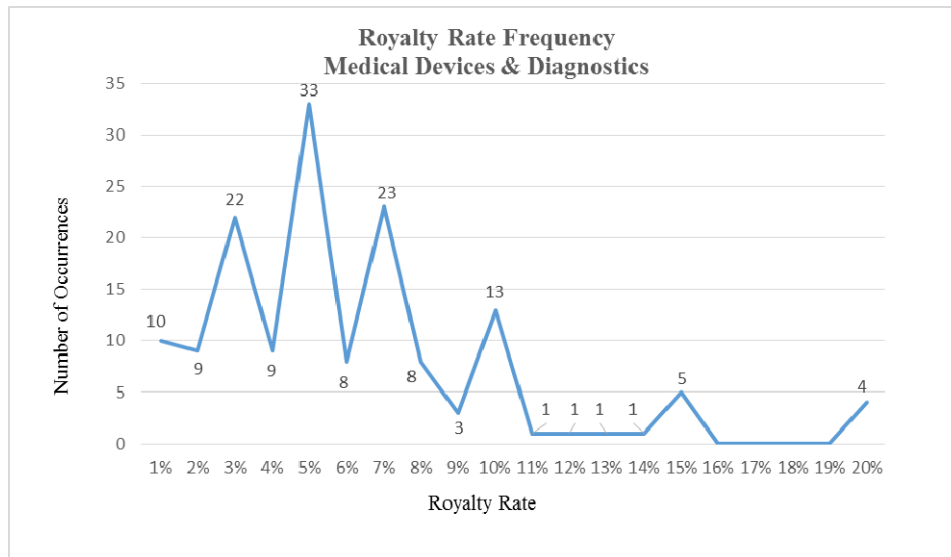
General guidance about how royalty rates are determined is also greatly expanded. Data is presented from a variety of surveys and experts. This section addresses topics affecting royalty rates such as exclusivity, naked patents, licenses that include know-how and upfront payments. This section of the report also presents an updated discussion about how to use a discounted cash flow analysis to determine a royalty rate. It also addresses what not to do when determining a royalty rate.

### Royalty Audits

At the end of this report, an article by Debora R. Stewart, CPA and Judy A. Byrd, CPA of Invotex, The Magnitude and Meaning of Royalty Misreporting discusses the reasons that royalty payments are misreported. The article explains that misreported royalties are not always malicious and are caused by communication failures between the licensing and accounting departments, as well as other honest mistakes as simple as math errors.

### Royalty Rate Frequency

The chart below summarizes royalty rates in this book. The royalties range from 0.50% to 20% of sales. The data is grouped by rates and then graphed by the frequency of their appearance. Excluded from this chart are instances where royalty rates are specified on a per unit basis.



The chart shows the most common royalty rate is 5% of sales. This royalty rate is common across all industries and will be discussed in the General Guidance to Royalty Rates section of this book.

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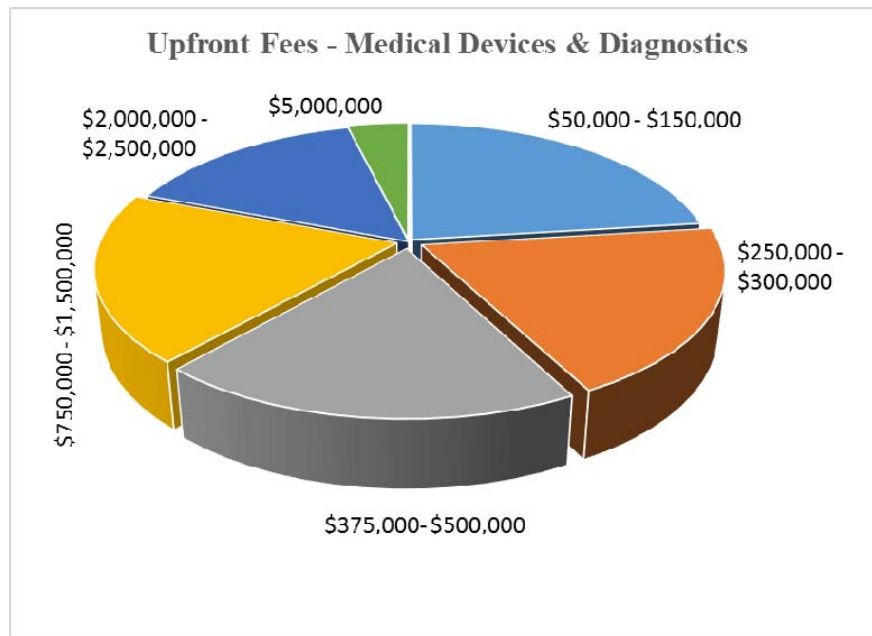
While royalty rates above 15% exist, they are rare and usually associated with extraordinarily profitable technologies. A cumulative analysis of the charted information provides the following insight:

- 27% of royalty rates are 3% or less,
- 55% of royalty rates are 5% or less,
- 75% of royalty rates are 7% or less,
- 91% of royalty rates are 10% or less,

### License Fees

In the 151 transactions using a running royalty rate as compensation for the rights granted in license agreements, only 26 (17%) included an upfront license fee.

The pie chart below shows a distribution of up-front license fees. One-time lump sum payments were rare and not included in the chart.



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