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## BOOK REVIEW

**Karien Jooste, Editor 2003: *Leadership in Health Services Management*. Paarl: Juta.**

Dr. Karien Jooste, Assistant Professor, Department of Nursing, Rand Afrikaans University, has edited this outstanding book, published in 2003. She is listed as the editor, although she has also written a number of its chapters. In addition to herself, ten other individuals have authored various chapters. They are authorities in their fields and represent several institutions from three countries in the region.

In a real sense, the book provides a historical development of concepts in leadership and management in health care; it tracks traditional concepts understood and taught over the years to more up-to-date and current concepts suited to health care environments in the modern era. While the book considers the South African context, especially in examples and cases it presents, it can be considered an internationally relevant book. The literature it draws from comes from several countries, which makes it possible for the reader to see concept application to many settings and contexts.

The chapters begin with an outline of concepts covered, specific outcomes for learners, and an introduction providing an overview. The content of the chapters are in sections with headings that correspond to the listed concepts. Case studies are placed in the middle or end of chapters. Each chapter ends with a list of general questions and a reference list. Given the book's features, it is highly serviceable as a textbook for novices studying these topics; as well, it is well suited as a general reference book for others interested in studying the topics covered.

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