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## NEW TO THE SECOND EDITION

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In addition to updating each chapter with relevant examples of executive leadership, this *Second Edition* addresses important issues with healthcare competencies as researched by the nation's leading professional organizations and associations in healthcare leadership and administration. All chapters also include additional emphasis on an "application to practice" framework based on evidentiary leadership outcomes. Material on leading partnerships, health information systems, supply chains, and successful governance of managerial finance and outsourcing are also introduced. Scholars and students alike will also enjoy reading contemporary material relating to new statutory and regulatory issues that health executives must navigate. Finally, new material regarding leadership transparency, leadership bankruptcy, and ethical responsibilities of leadership are presented.

### CHAPTER 1

Chapter 1 includes new material on the following topics:

- Leadership integrity
- Benefits of studying leadership for professional and personal development
- Boundaryless leadership
- Leadership in academics in practice

### CHAPTER 2

The discussion of leadership personality assessments in Chapter 2 has been revised, emphasizing application to practice. The following topics have also been added to this chapter:

- Social competence
- Leadership locus of control
- Planned behavior

### CHAPTER 3

This chapter has been reorganized to present "theory" in a more practical manner, with the emphasis now placed on the need to use theory as a tool for building simple models for measurement. The Pain Rating Scale has been introduced as an example.

### CHAPTER 4

This chapter has received high praise as an authoritative chronology of leadership. Two new theories have been added to this chronology: Bandura's Social Learning Theory and Ashkenas' proposed model of de-linearized leadership and boundarylessness.

### CHAPTER 5

Chapter 5 introduces new material on leadership competencies and personal responsibilities in the health professions. Competency assessment tools discussed include those offered by the American College of Healthcare Executives, the Healthcare Leadership Alliance, the National Center for Healthcare Leadership, and the Association of University Programs in Health Administration. Tools for maintaining personal competence are addressed through forming relationships, networks, and alliances. Self-determination, reliance, and power are explored.

### CHAPTER 6

Chapter 6 builds on new material in Chapter 5 to foster an application to practice framework in executive leadership development. The chapter now addresses the following:

- Strategic (calculated, premeditated, and deliberate) leadership
- Situational assessment

- Environment scanning
- Competency attainment through continuing health education

## CHAPTERS 7 AND 8

Chapters 7 and 8 include new examples and citations to keep the chapters relevant and up to date.

## CHAPTER 9

Chapter 9 now features the CAAVE (Competitive, Avoiding, Adaptive, Vested, and Empathetic) Model as a way of exploring leading systems, transactional leadership, and leadership through the application of strategic positioning. Leading partnerships, shared services, and leveraging outsourcing success are all explored through an evidentiary and outcomes-based approach that is both practical and easy for the early careerist to understand. New material relating to the following topics has been added for this edition:

- Distance learning
- Institutionalization
- Leadership economics

## CHAPTER 10

New material relating to the following has been added to this chapter:

- Ethics of policy making and advocacy
- Cultural competency
- Biological and clinical ethics
- Codes of ethics
- Leadership transparency
- Leadership bankruptcy

In this chapter, the importance of statutory and regulatory compliance issues surrounding executive decision making are addressed through historical precedents and law. Cases associated with the False Claims Act, The Federal Medicare/Medicaid Anti-Kickback Statute, Stark Law, Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), and the Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act are new examples. Leadership decision making relating to end-of-life decisions, abortion, spiritual preferences, and euthanasia are addressed in a matter that fosters critical thinking in early careerists.

## CHAPTERS 11 AND 12

Criteria from the Baldrige National Quality Award was added to Chapter 11 to help support a leader's need to measure

outcomes in the health profession. New citations have been added to keep the chapters relevant and up-to-date.

## CHAPTER 13

Chapter 13 incorporates many concepts from the previous edition's Chapter 14 in order to create a more cohesive learning experience. By asking the question "What kind of leader do you want to be?" this chapter offers new material that links application to practice. Leader credibility, legitimacy, and relevancy are explored through must-know, need-to-know, and want-to-know concepts. Obligations and opportunities for continuing education and lifelong learning are addressed.

## CHAPTER 14

Roughly 80% of the material presented in Chapter 14 is new. The chapter now focuses on integrated delivery and financial systems that are wedded to ancillary areas of information systems, supply chains, operations management responsibilities, and materials/logistics management. Strategies for optimizing revenue streams, streamlining manufacturing, and maintaining efficient and effective financial performance metrics are profiled through portfolio analysis. Seminal issues surrounding the leadership of financial management, as well as coding and billing processes from the executive level, are defined through case analysis.

## CHAPTER 15

New material on managing disruptive patient care providers is introduced in order to recognize the unique political and sensitive issues that surround this population of employees. This chapter now provides a framework suggested by the Joint Commission to assist in developing policy for documentation and action. Furthermore, the importance of employee rights and responsibilities is stressed when dealing with non-performing, incompetent, and/or unethical supervisors. The chapter also profiles leaders who are on the receiving end of cronyism, non-merit-based advancement, and payback promotions.

## CHAPTER 16

Though largely unchanged from the first edition, Chapter 16 includes new material on a recommended mentoring philosophy for early careerists. The following emerging issues are also introduced:

- Distance learning
- Telementoring
- Mentoring from a distance



## FOREWORD

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Don't ever underestimate the impact you can have by becoming a better leader! The problem in health care is not that we don't have good leaders; it is that we don't have enough good leaders. We simply need more leaders at all levels for organizations to be successful. The question that must be asked is how do we motivate people to enhance their natural leadership abilities in order to become a better leader today?

The all-important necessity of becoming a better leader tomorrow than one is today is a challenge not enough leaders have mastered. Established and aspiring leaders need all the help they can get improving their leadership effectiveness. Drs. Ledlow and Coppola have written one of the preeminent books about leadership and leader development that anyone can use to enhance their leadership skills. *Leadership for Health Professionals: Theory, Skills, and Applications, Second Edition* is outstanding and relevant for many reasons. First, the authors not only are outstanding academics who are leaders in their field of

study, but also have demonstrated a recent ability to lead at various levels within healthcare organizations. Second, we have too many leadership books written by academics for academe that are not grounded in the cold, hard trials and tribulations that all leaders struggle with on a daily basis. Most of these books are written about what leaders should do, with no clear correlation as to whether their theories or distant observations will actually work. Other books are written by leaders who were successful but who did not know why what they did worked. The true power of this edition of *Leadership for Health Professionals: Theory, Skills, and Applications* is that it combines theory with the practice of leadership to make it suitable for academic settings but also for practicing leaders. In addition, the case studies and examples of real-life scenarios frequently encountered in health care make this book extremely interesting while also educational, a combination that makes any book a must-read.

The challenge in writing a book about leadership is that leadership is in the eye of the beholder. The challenge of making any leadership book relevant to the reader's definition and idea of what a leader does is daunting. Most books are written from the perspective of the author, not from the perspective of the reader. This book is different in that it addresses a wide variety of leadership topics that all leaders, regardless of their primary style or leadership strength, will find valuable. It is focused on the reader's needs, not the author's needs. Even though the best way to learn how to lead is to actually do it, like driving a car or firing a pistol or rifle, preparatory classes can prove to be extremely valuable in hastening the learning curve. This is simply one of the best books any leader can read to quickly and efficiently enhance their leadership effectiveness.

For faculty and students, there is no more comprehensive book about leadership you can read in preparation for assuming your first real leadership job as a healthcare professional. Each leadership subject is covered in great detail with discussion questions and exercises at the end of each chapter, as well as cases in the Appendix. This combination of theory and practice makes this an outstanding text for leadership courses in all programs in health administration.

For aspiring leaders already in the workforce, this book can provide an introduction into new practices and theories that can be of use regardless of a leader's position or experience. This is the best book any leader who wants to enhance their effectiveness should use to accomplish this task.

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## FOREWORD FROM FIRST EDITION

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It is a privilege to write a foreword for this new book by Dr. Gerald Ledlow and Dr. Nicholas Coppola, for two reasons. First, the topic of leadership is something that has been central to my 20-plus years in academia, both in the books and articles I have written and in the courses I have taught. Second, I have known both Jerry and Nick for many years as trusted friends and respected colleagues. Both have excelled in their own careers within and outside of academia. They themselves are leaders who have become scholars of leadership theory and practice. Their book, *Leadership for Health Professionals: Theory, Skills, and Applications*, represents the culmination of many years of leadership engagement and scholarship in health organizations throughout the world and across all sectors of society, including public, private, and nonprofit agencies.

While reading an advance copy of this book, I was reminded of an interview I did as editor of the *Journal of Healthcare Management*. The interview was with Warren Bennis, noted as one of the top 10 leadership scholars and authors in history. In response to one of my questions about the essence of leadership, Dr. Bennis described the leader as “one who manifests direction, integrity, hardiness, and courage in a consistent pattern of behavior that inspires trust, motivation, and responsibility on the part of the followers who in turn become leaders themselves.”<sup>1</sup> I have never seen a more succinct and comprehensive description of the leader. However, in the book you are about to read, you will indeed gain a comprehensive understanding of

leadership that captures the deep and rich meaning I was able to hear firsthand in that interview.

*Leadership for Health Professionals: Theory, Skills, and Applications* addresses the full scope of leadership, with its many challenges and its special significance in healthcare environments. Furthermore, the book provides the breadth of knowledge and range of skills an individual needs to improve his or her own leadership abilities and effectiveness. As I have advocated in my own writings, leaders of today and tomorrow are compelled to adopt principles and practices that create sustainable organizations. In particular, there must be a focus on the co-equal and vital mandates of financial viability, social responsiveness, and environmental responsibility.<sup>2</sup> The book you are about to read will provide you with a substantial and timely understanding of the art and science of leadership that will help you shape the world in meaningful and productive ways. Enjoy and learn.

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## PREFACE

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As the authors of this book, we want to thank you for purchasing and using this textbook for professional development, instruction, and education. We believe that the title of this book says it all: *Leadership for Health Professionals: Theory, Skills, and Applications*. Up to this point, there has not been a development-focused textbook, specific to health organizations and health professionals, that combines the classical knowledge of leadership theory in the literature with the time-honored best practices and outcomes associated with the skills and applications practiced by industry leaders. This is the second edition aimed at providing leadership-focused learning for health leaders. Until the publication of this book, students, educators, and professionals were placed in the position of having to buy two (or more) texts, or supplement their readings with multiple journal articles, to achieve the compilation of knowledge presented in these pages.

This textbook captures our collective hope of enabling and encouraging ever-improving leadership practice, continuous leadership development, and ultimately a more effective, efficient, and efficacious health industry. From our own practical experience, academic study, and facilitation of leadership instruction over the past 25 years, we fervently posit that great leadership practice is one of a few critical factors necessary to ensure quality healthcare delivery, good health status in our communities, and high levels of productivity in our society. As part of our ongoing effort to improve leadership practice, we developed this book and the associated materials for your use as a learning system.

The foundation of this health leadership learning system is informed by the following definition: **Leadership** is the *dynamic* and *active* creation and maintenance of an organizational *culture* and *strategic systems* that focus the collective energy of both *leading people* and *managing resources*

toward *meeting the needs of the external environment* utilizing the most efficient, effective, and, most importantly, efficacious methods possible by moral means. As a system, the text is based on the hierarchical learning stages of Bloom's Taxonomy of the Cognitive Domain. It takes advantage of our experiences in facilitating leadership instruction to graduate students from all walks of life and with varying levels of practical health experience for more than a decade. Put simply, the material, concepts, theories, models, applications, and skills integrated within this system greatly facilitate learning. A graduate student, reviewing this work from a student's perspective, wrote the following:

As a student, I have learned that the material taught in a course is often not as valuable as the way in which it is taught. Drs. Ledlow and Coppola have succeeded in integrating the content of leadership practice with learning how to lead in their text, *Leadership for Health Professionals: Theory, Skills, and Applications*. Students will be eager, as was I, to learn the methods employed within this rich text. The health industry is a dynamic and engaging environment where the only constant is change. This text allows the student to become engaged in the material and extrapolate the roles, obligations, and responsibilities of leaders and managers. Drs. Ledlow and Coppola have spent years instructing health leaders and have simplified the exercise of learning into a concise, easy-to-follow format that can be straightforwardly adapted into today's ever-changing leadership environment. The reiteration of material sets a foundation, expands upon the context, and then places the information into a health context. This repetition makes it easy to learn and maximize what a student gains from a course. This text illustrates how to address continuity and stabilization in an environment ripe with change and uncertainty.

From a content perspective, themes of leadership principles, applications, and constructs such as organizational culture, cultural competency, ethical frameworks and moral practice, scientific methodology, leader competencies, external and internal assessment and evaluation, communication, planning, decision making, employee enhancement, and knowledge management are woven through the entire text and the supplemental materials. These themes are presented in multiple contexts throughout the book, and echoed in multiple chapters. To wit, the most important constructs and concepts are presented in an early chapter, further expanded and explored in a middle chapter, and then used in context in a later chapter. The reiteration of key leader systems, actions, and behaviors provides additional opportunities for learning within a leadership course. Many times, students have not been exposed much to the material presented in a leadership course, so multiple interactions with critical content material are both efficacious and pedagogically sound. In practice, students learn more with construct and content reiteration in a time-limited semester or term.

Collectively, the authors of this book have more than 50 years of professional leadership experience that spans the continuum of health care from ambulatory clinics, to large multisite and multidisciplinary health entities, to academia. In this text, we combine our practitioner knowledge and experience and our academic experience to elucidate the competencies and learning outcomes required for graduate programs. In combining both practitioner knowledge and

industry best practices in graduate education, it is our desire that you will find the studying, learning, and/or instructing of health leadership more effective, efficient, and efficacious and will enjoy a competitive advantage in your own career. It is our expectation that through studying this text, your leadership will bring about a better health organization, community, industry, and society through your application of the theories, skills, and concepts presented in this textbook.

In closing, we believe strongly that learning is a lifelong process that requires continuous exposure to, thinking about, and reflection on new information that can be turned into knowledge that is “actionable” in your leadership practice. Although this book went through a rigorous peer review process, we actively encourage feedback on its content from students, educators, and professional executives in the field. If any part of this book requires additions or contains omissions, please contact us. We also encourage active contribution to this text for future editions. Should you or your colleagues desire to share for consideration any cases, models, exercises, or written text for inclusion in future editions, please do not hesitate to contact us with your ideas and suggestions. Thank you to all who have provided feedback to make this second edition more efficient, effective, and efficacious. As in the last edition we want your feedback, and your contributions may be included in future versions of this text.

Thank you for allowing us to take part in your leadership development and practice!





## THE PURPOSE OF THIS LEADERSHIP TEXT

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The purpose of this text is to provide you with a foundation not only for the study of leadership practice and theory, but also for the broader concept of leading people and health organizations across multiple and interconnected disciplines. A second goal is to bridge theory and the abstract concepts of leadership with the practical or concrete operational behaviors and action of leaders. This goal is integrated with the discussion of the popular evidence-based leadership of today. We meet these goals by utilizing a four-tier strategy that walks students, early careerists, and practicing health leaders through the foundations of leadership, leadership principles and practices, the complexity of leadership in health care, and finally into the world of leading people and managing resources into the future.

Although the discipline of leadership, with its myriad related topics, theories, and models, is rather large and extensive in the literature and knowledge base, the authors' perspective focuses on the most pertinent leadership content, theories, models, principles, and strategies that produce results in the health industry. The authors have put many of these theories and models into practice during the course of our successful practitioner careers. Of course, the health industry differs in many ways from other services and products industries: Many times efficacy is more important than efficiency, patient outcomes are more important than profits/margin, the "rational man" theory of economics is set aside when certain injuries or illnesses invade our families such that chaos or irrational economic decisions prevail, and society holds the health industry to an extremely high standard of perfection. Moreover, health organizations are extremely complex, run continuously, and are highly regulated and scrutinized. These realities create a distinctive leadership niche—that of the health leader. This text is intended specifically for the person filling that role.

This text combines both the scholarship of the academy of leadership and the practicalities involved in leading people and managing resources in the real world. With more than 50 years of combined experience leading people in complex organizations, the authors hope to impart that experience to the next generation of health leaders in a way that is both meaningful and useful to scholars and practicing health professionals.

People are led and resources are managed! This text has multiple objectives. It was created to provide you with an understanding of leadership principles; an ability to apply leadership principles through actions, behaviors, and processes in a dynamic world; a capacity to synthesize leadership theories and models to create a personalized leadership model; and the ability to evaluate leadership theories, models, principles, and ideas in a sound manner. Most importantly, the intent of this text is to develop an increasingly competent and confident cadre of leaders for the health industry so that complex health systems, population health status, and a multidisciplinary health workforce can be improved, enhanced, and strengthened to successfully overcome the significant challenges that society faces now and in the future. Six key trends in the health industry, identified in 2009, clearly highlight the need for quality, competent, and enthusiastic leadership:

1. Quality and performance reporting will shift from value-add to essential.
2. Asset rightsizing will provide new levers to fund strategic growth.
3. Departmental autonomy will fade as technology enables an enterprise view.
4. Care architecture will drive smarter facility design.
5. Effective leaders will be part policymaker, part entrepreneur.
6. Managing clinical staff will require new thinking and methods.<sup>1</sup>

To achieve success in the health industry, an organization must have focused and intelligent effort. Leaders are the catalysts for organizational, group, and individual greatness. This text seeks to make you a better leader who can lead a group or organization to accomplish great achievements; the ultimate goal is for you to have a fulfilling health career. The authors applaud your enthusiasm to become a better leader! Wolf offers simple yet pertinent insight into the application of leadership:

- Leaders lead by example; they do not ask people to do something they would not do themselves.
- Leaders perform consistent rounding (walking the floors and engaging employees in their own work environments) and also maintain an open door policy, making the administrative offices a welcoming place to all staff.

- Employee input is sought and encouraged, both individually and through employee groups, and is supported by a non-punitive environment.<sup>2</sup>

This text serves as your road map to start your leadership journey, a multidisciplinary journey. In essence, this text is a catalyst to begin or continue your leadership development.

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## IN THIS TEXT

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This text is intended to build foundational leadership knowledge and bridge the gap between theory and practice to enhance the skills and abilities of the reader and student of leadership in health organizations. The authors use “Focused Content Cycling” where concepts/topics are presented to form a foundation and then expanded upon in the following chapters and again later in the text, used in one or more contexts or situations to maximize awareness, learning, and the potential to bridge theory to practice for the reader. These goals are accomplished in the book’s four parts, each of which consists of four chapters. A summary of the four parts provides a good overview of the content of this textbook.

### PART 1: LEADERSHIP FOUNDATIONS

Part 1 is divided into four chapters. Chapter 1 defines leadership from historical, cultural, and contemporary perspectives. Chapter 2 assesses individual leadership styles and allows the student to relate his or her style to the various leadership theories and case studies presented in the text. Chapter 3 describes what a theory is and explains how leadership theories can be measured and assessed once theory is broken down into its fundamental parts. Chapter 4 provides a classical and historical review of leadership theories as they have evolved over the last several hundred years, especially since the 1930s.

### PART 2: LEADERSHIP IN PRACTICE

Part 2 focuses on leadership in action and the knowledge, skills, and abilities required of a health leader. Chapter 5 outlines the personal responsibilities leaders have to maintain relevancy in skills, tools, abilities, and education. Chapter 6 focuses on applying those skills, tools, abilities, and education to communication, planning, decision

making, managing knowledge, and training. Chapter 7 provides the health leader with a road map to success in personal leadership development by using the leader “crawl, walk, and run” methodology. Chapter 8 looks at some new methods in practice that help guide and hone leader skills; emphasis is placed on “leading people and managing resources” in the health organization.

### PART 3: LEADERSHIP IN HEALTH ORGANIZATIONS

The third major module in this textbook focuses specifically on the complexity of health organizations. Chapter 9 begins by exploring the complex world of health and describing how leaders can identify and manage horizontal, vertical, institutional, and resource-dependent environments. It is followed by Chapter 10, which offers a sound review of ethics and morality in health and discusses a leader’s responsibility to manage and maintain an ethical framework that fosters a moral environment. Chapter 11 is a unique chapter on measuring and defining outcomes of health leadership initiatives that apply the model building techniques discussed in Chapter 2. Part 3 concludes with Chapter 12’s special analysis of the unique and interdisciplinary roles of health leaders, focusing specifically on physicians, nurses, administrators, and department heads.

### PART 4: LEADING PEOPLE AND MANAGING RESOURCES INTO THE FUTURE

Chapter 13 offers suggestions for leaders in the next decade, with a specific emphasis on globalization and an understanding that many discussions in this book focus on Western philosophies of leadership; other worldviews

of leadership are presented. Next, Chapter 14 impresses on the reader that healthcare systems such as the supply chain and financial areas such as revenue management must be understood, improved, and integrated into other systems for a coherent whole in the effort to lead people and manage resources in an efficient, effective, and efficacious manner. Chapter 15 outlines the responsibilities of leaders

in the management of nonperforming employees. Tips, strategies, and best practices are introduced throughout this part of the textbook. The textbook closes with Chapter 16's discussion of mentoring and succession planning.

To illustrate concepts detailed throughout the book, an appendix describing the experiences of seven healthcare leaders has been included.

Case	Title of Case	Textbook Chapter Link (Parts 1 and 2)	Textbook Chapter Link (Parts 3 and 4)
Stephens Case 1	Replacing the Radiology Contract	Chapters 5 and 6	Chapters 10 and 15
Bradshaw Case 1	Implementing an Information System: Electronic Health Record	Chapter 6	Chapter 12
Bradshaw Case 2	Ineffective Subordinate Leader	Chapters 2 and 5	Chapters 15 and 16
Bradshaw Case 3	Values and Vision Conflicts	Chapters 5 and 6	Chapter 10
Sack Case 1	Physician Leadership Development	Chapter 7	Chapter 12
Sack Case 2	Cultural Change	Chapter 4	Chapters 9 and 13
Smith Case 1	Evidenced-Based Leadership: A Formula for Success?	Chapters 4 and 8	Chapters 11 and 13
Smith Case 2	Ownership and Accountability Culture	Chapter 5	Chapters 9 and 13
Riley Case 1	Pharmaceutical Inconsistencies	Chapter 5	Chapters 11 and 14
Detty & Meadows Case 1	Improving Data Management Processes	Chapter 6	Chapter 14



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