[Review of] Health Care U.S.A.

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Carper, Jean. Health Care U.S.A.
Prentice Hall Pr. Aug. 1987. c.608p. $35; pap. $19.95. MED/REF
Carper (Eating May Be Hazardous to Your Health) has applied her vast experience in consumer health issues to compiling this wide-ranging health care directory. Forty-eight general sections (e.g., Cancer, Burns, Drug Abuse, AIDS) include descriptive introductions and listings of treatment and research centers, specialists, hotlines, publications, associations, government agencies, self-help groups, and unconventional treatment access. Most organization, treatment access. Most organization, agency, and self-help entries are annotated. Anthony Kruzas's Encyclopedia of Medical Organizations and Agencies (LJ 9/1/83; rev. ed. 1987) is more comprehensive for organizations and agencies, and Herbert J. Dietrich's The Best in Medicine (LJ 8/86) is more selective for medical institutions. No directory, however, brings such a variety of medical information sources together in one place as does the consumer-oriented Health Care U.S.A.—Robert Aken, Univ. of Kentucky Libs., Lexington