

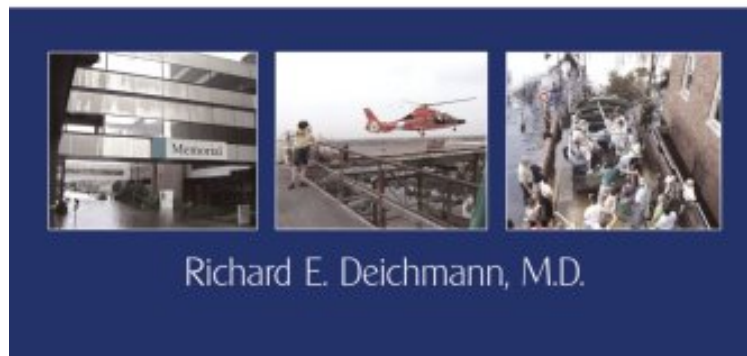
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**Richard E. Deichmann M.D. : Code Blue: A Katrina Physician's Memoir** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Code Blue: A Katrina Physician's Memoir:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Incredibly vivid account of the post-Katrina debacleBy m.a.millerAn exceptional and vivid first-hand account of the horrors faced by patients who could not be evacuated prior to the storm

and the medical personnel who risked their own lives to stay and care for them. Dr. Deichmann also recounts their rescue, and the attempt by National Guard personnel to PREVENT it. Even if you think you've "heard it all", you really must read this book. Dr. Deichmann brings you as close as one can possibly get, without being there, to a full understanding of how it was to live through hell on earth. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Insightful Factual Account By Janice J. An insightful first hand account of the horrors and heroes at Memorial Hospital in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. I have a good friend who is an ER nurse and spent those 5 days at the hospital. From my friends accounts this only touches the surface of the horrible conditions and abject government and corporate failures during these 5 days. The book is compelling and completely factual, but does not go far enough in my estimation. I guess reading "Five Days At Memorial" before reading "Code Blue" is the reason I feel this way. 5 Days actually gave too much information, some of which was hard for a lay person to understand and was too long repetitive. But both were quite interesting. Being a New Orleanean made it almost a must read for me. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. This is a Must Read By Kathi Orgeron As one who lives in Southeast Texas near Louisiana and followed Hurricane Katrina closely, I thought it was absolutely inexcusable that authorities seemingly did nothing to help the most vulnerable--those in the hospitals--before, during and after the storm. I selected this book to read, to learn more about what actually happened in the New Orleans hospitals at that time. This is a great book, and I highly recommend it to anyone who wants to find out what it was like in a critical care situation when you are totally abandoned for days on end for no good reason by those who have the capability to help you.

The book that finally gives a physician's inside story of the evacuation of Memorial Medical Center following Katrina - a gripping tale of abandonment and survival. A toxic stew of floodwaters surrounded Memorial Medical Center in New Orleans after Katrina when the levees broke. Over two thousand people were trapped in the squalid conditions without security as the death toll steadily rose inside. Bodies stacked up in the chapel as the temperature soared in the overcrowded hospital and the situation became increasingly desperate. Doctors, nurses, and staff worked around the clock, caring for those inside and trying to evacuate the facility, also known as Baptist Hospital. Allegations of euthanasia would later make headlines across the country and be investigated by state and local officials. Code Blue: A Katrina Physician's Memoir finally tells the inside story of the hellish nightmare those who struggled to survive the ordeal were cast into. Dr. Richard Deichmann, the hospital's chief of medicine and one of the leaders of the evacuation, gives his compelling account of the rapidly deteriorating state of affairs at the hospital. He takes us through the daily horrors and numbing disappointments. This gripping tale of survival, despite betrayal and abandonment by the authorities, may change forever the way you view the threat of a mass disaster. What Others are Saying about Code Blue: A Katrina Physician's Memoir As a physician who has been on hurricane duty for prior storms, I thought I could imagine what it would be like if we were hit by a severe storm. I was wrong. This book should serve as a warning about what can happen when basic modern conveniences such as power, running water, communications and safety are taken away. - Karen Blessey, MD With a scalpel's precision, Dr. Deichmann takes us into the faltering heart of a huge New Orleans hospital - his hospital - as Hurricane Katrina chokes off its vit

About the Author Richard Deichmann graduated from Tulane medical school and completed his training in Internal Medicine at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, NC. He moved back to his hometown after completing his training in 1986 and had practiced at Baptist Hospital until Katrina. He continues his work as a physician, teacher, and clinical researcher at Ochsner Medical Center. Dr. Deichmann, an avid triathlete, lives in the New Orleans area with his wife and his three daughters. Interested readers should visit the author at [www.rdeichmann.com](http://www.rdeichmann.com).