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This book covers the major perspectives in the philosophy of science and critically discusses their relevance to health care research, using examples of paradigms, concepts, theories and research findings in the health sciences. It makes sense of the bewildering variety of assumptions, world-views and epistemological implications of the different research methods. It enables the reader to become an informed consumer of scholarship on health care issues. The authors describe how health care research has been influenced by positivistic and interpretative approaches, and how it has recently been
