

Practical strategies for achieving value in occupational health?

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Survivor bias

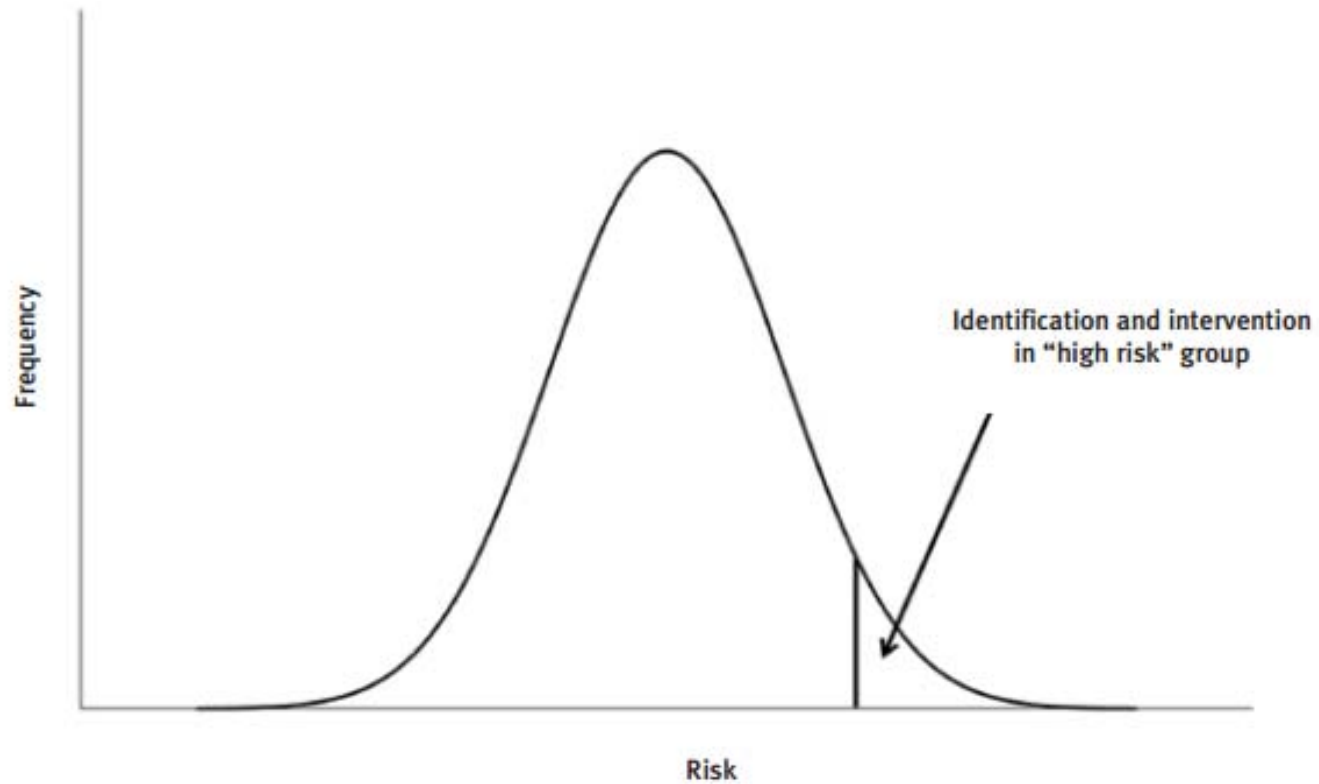


EVERY INSPIRATIONAL SPEECH BY SOMEONE
SUCCESSFUL SHOULD HAVE TO START WITH
A DISCLAIMER ABOUT SURVIVORSHIP BIAS.

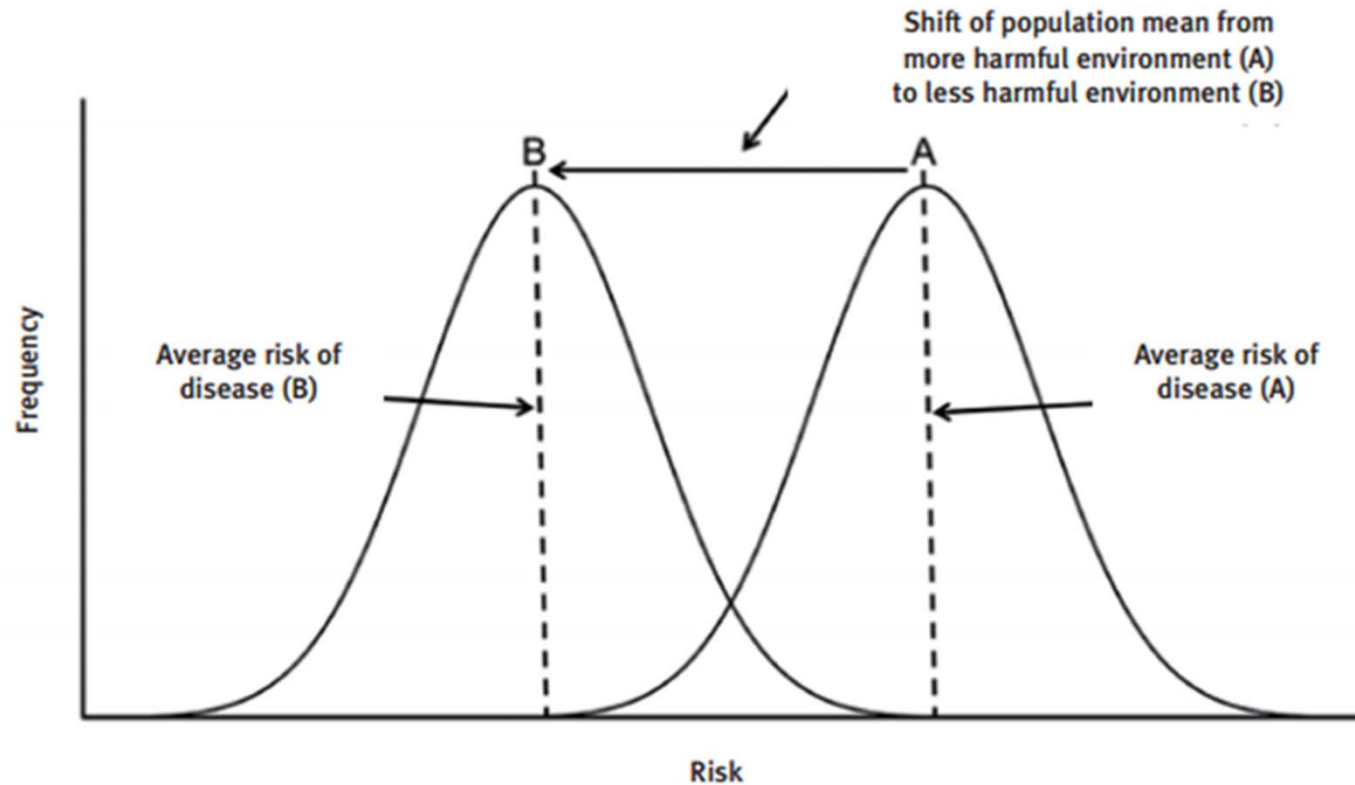


- Expert to change agent
- Engage the A-team
- Build on organisational strengths
- Use the magic words
- Apply peer pressure
- Get the word out
- Build on success
- Go stealth
- The role of luck

Geoffrey Rose – Prevention Paradox



Shifting the curve



Burton, Sagoo, Pharaoh, Zimmern. Time to revisit Geoffrey Rose; strategies for prevention in the genomic era? IJPH 2012 9 (4)

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- He fought the general assumption that ‘miners get dust disease’, seeking to persuade the powerful Mines Department to utilise more effective dust sampling equipment in order to enforce tighter dust controls. The Mines Department’s authority over occupational health in the mines to the virtual exclusion of the Public Health Department was a major concern. He recalls feeling ‘like John the Baptist bleating in the wilderness’.
- Jim visited the now infamous blue asbestos mining town of Wittenoom regularly from 1959, examining x-rays, often advising workers to leave the industry and increasing the pressure on management to reduce dust levels.
- (PSC website extract)