



Seeking the Positives: A Life Spent on the Cutting Edge of Public Health (Paperback)

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Createspace Independent Publishing Platform, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Stephen Q Muth (illustrator). 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. What's it like to be on the front lines of sexually transmitted disease control? How do public health workers figure out patterns of transmission? Answer: by persistently tracing, and working with, those at high risk: adventurous young people, drug users, prostitutes, street gangsters, gays, tri-sexuals (those who try anything), and people one would not suspect to be at risk. The author draws from his more than three decades of experience running an exceptionally effective local STD/HIV control program - exceptional because this program habitually challenged the received wisdom, bringing scientific rigor to an area that previously lacked it. It also introduced innovative tools, such as network analysis, to elucidate STD propagation dynamics on the community level. Science is the major theme unifying both this control program and this book. Lastly, the author details the failures of both the international health agencies (CDC, WHO, UNAIDS) and researchers in academia to implement scientifically rigorous studies of HIV transmission that could reliably answer the question: Why Africa ?.

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