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The Strategy Of Preventive Medicine (Oxford Medical Publications)



Synopsis

This book explores and analyzes the options for preventive medicine, considered from various viewpoints - epidemiological, sociological, political, practical, and ethical. The uniting theme is the concept of health as an issue for populations as well as for individuals. This has applications throughout medicine and these are illustrated by a wide range of examples. The book will be valuable to professionals and students in public health, epidemiology and health economics. It will also be of interest to health service managers and planners, clinicians interested in prevention, and all those concerned with health as a public issue.

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‘This book is a gem. In it, Professor Geoffrey Rose presents eloquently and succinctly the case for prevention. The strategy of preventive medicine covers the principles of preventive medicine in an admirably lucid way, with illustrative examples... this book should be required reading for all involved - policy makers as well as all those in health care professions. It should be in every practice library.’ British Journal of General Practice
‘In this book he pulls off the difficult trick of explaining the development of these ideas lucidly and non-technically but without over-simplification. Their importance for the formulation of strategies for preventing ill health is clear.’ Times Higher Education Supplement
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PMR`Geoffrey Rose has written a book which is a timely reminder that clinical medicine and the high risk strategy it engenders provide a blinkered and narrow view of ill-health and its causes. This is no ordinary medical text on disease prevention. It is logical, idiosyncratic and personal.'

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Geoffrey Rose has taken an entirely new angle on health and disease in populations. He argues persuasively that human risk factors for disease (such as hypertension) fall on a natural bell-shaped curve, and that to prevent disease we are far better off shifting the entire curve than focusing our efforts on people identified as "high risk". His ideas are referred to by many; this is the book in which they are laid out.

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