# Multifactorial health programming – the 21<sup>st</sup> Century approach to health

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## **Presentation Overview**

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#### Introduction

Over representation of life-style related health problems within blue-collar industries.

Health costs very little, sickness costs a lot!

Health is an important economic strategy for businesses.



## Importance of Health

#### New age of Human Capital:

- Rapidly aging workforce in the mining industry
- Looming shortage of skilled and unskilled workers
- Current and growing health issues are in response to labour shortages and aging workers
- People are the key to the success of every mining operation
- Old ideas are being replaced by new health and productivity modelling for business

## Factors that effect performance

- Organisational culture (company values, beliefs, policies and practices)
- Employee health (physical and mental)
- Level of technology and equipment
- Employee training, skills and knowledge
- Supervision and leadership



## Workers Compensation 06-07

#### Workers compensation statistics:

- Mining 6818.10 claims per 100,000 people (up from 5241.9)
- Average days of claim 29.8 days
- Average daily cost per claim \$138.65 (up from \$113.95 in 2003)
- Muscular skeletal claims more than 50% of all claims
- \$22.6M in payments in 2006-2007

Source: Queensland Workers' Compensation Scheme Statistics Report 2006-2007



#### Costs of Poor health

#### **Direct Costs:**

- Wellness and Prevention campaigns
- Medical treatment for injuries and illness

#### **Indirect Costs:**

- Lost work time (absenteeism, workers comp)
- Impaired performance (working while not 100%)
- Ripple effects through to other employees



## Workplace Health Promotion and OH & S

In the context of OH & S health is often seen from the level of prevention of workplace injury and illness – not from the platform of enhancing health and wellbeing.

This is highlighted by the way that workplace OH & S programs are prioritised, with safety & rehabilitation issues addressed first.



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## What is a wellness program

#### Change in focus from:

- providing medical services
- providing exercise facilities

#### Change in focus to:

- holistic and self management programs
- addressing culture/organisation, environmental factors and individual behaviours



## Adhoc Approach

#### Adhoc approach:

- companies not storing useable data from year to year
- many providers 'fighting' to keep their slice of the OHS budget
- lack of cohesion amongst sites within the same company group
- Great programs and providers with the same goal outcome 'better health' not working closely together

## **Corporate Bodies Data**

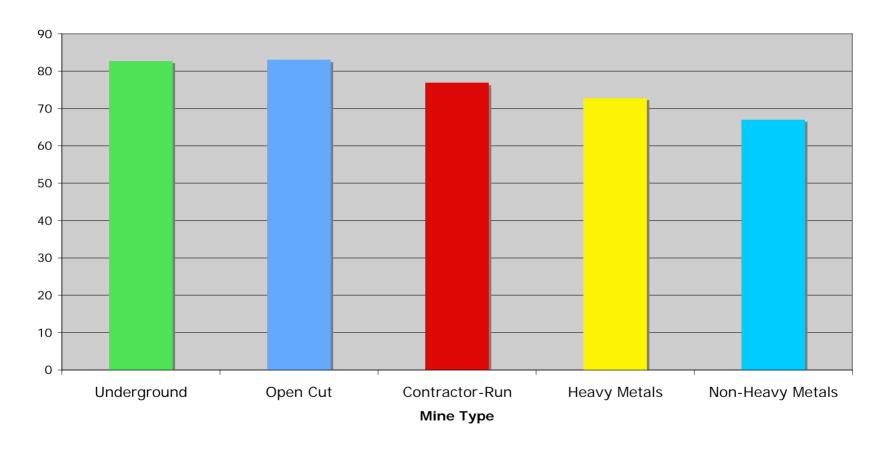
#### Data collection:

- over 55 mining companies
- age range 18-67 years
- underground, opencut and various minerals/resources
- some scary data!



### BMI

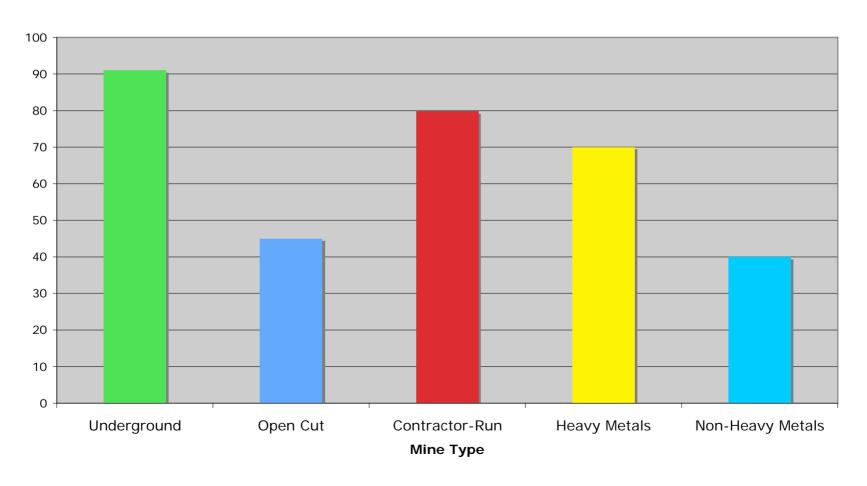
Percentage of Participants Identified as "at risk" According to Mine Type
- BMI



Remember – Obesity as a single factor reduces life expectancy by 4.3 years

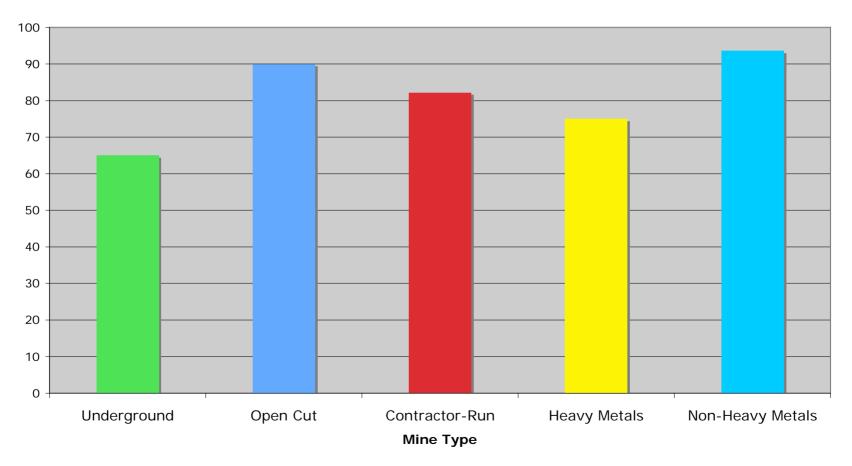
## **Flexibility**

#### Percentage of Participants Identified as "at risk" According to Mine Type - FLEXIBILITY



## **Physical Activity**

Percentage of Participants Identified as "at risk" According to Mine Type
- PHYSICAL ACTIVITY



Remember – Inactivity as a single factor reduces life expectancy by 6 years

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# Factors that effect an individuals health

#### Multifactorial impacts:

- environmental
- cultural
- behavioural
- physical



#### **Environmental**

- access to sporting/exercise facilities at work/at home
- ease of access to health professionals
- ergonomics of worksite/area
- job tasks/requirements
- weather, temperature and natural issues
- smoke free etc
- food provision/catering/ability to bring own food
- policy enforcement
- health notices/message/activities



#### Cultural

- company policies
- management support
- senior leaders actions
- training and development
- social functions health or non health orientated
- support of healthy practices eg in work time or out
- roster structure
- service coordination
- health incentives



## **Physical**

- individual health status
- individual physical capabilities
- illness or injury
- disability or physical limitations



#### Behavioural

- FIFO or live in
- Family and other support
- Worklife balance
- individual dietary choices
- individual exercise choices
- religion/race/culture
- personal values and/or belief system
- knowledge
- importance of health to the individual



#### **Multifactorial**

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## Let someone else control you!

Behaviour change can only go so far – environmental and cultural change may just be the push some people need!

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## Case Study 1 – FIFO site

#### Site description:

- gold mining
- residential and FIFO operations (approx 95% staff on FIFO)
- various rosters depending on role
- 4000 employees + contractors
- camp style for FIFO workers



## Scoping of work

#### CBI's role:

- 3 day site visit to review all aspects of the site in regards to health
  - \* policies and procedures
  - \* motivational strategies
  - \* communication strategies
  - \* exercise options
  - \* organised events (lifestyle related)
  - \* food in camp, catering, onsite and in town
  - \* staff health survey
  - \* medical centre services
  - \* community relations/involvement
  - \* brief understanding of work/job functions



#### **Environmental:**

- -Old messages that are torn and tatty have not been replaced for sometime
- -Buffet style food unlimited quantities
- Various sporting teams/clubs
- 24 hour medical centre and hospital
- -Gymnasium, leisure centre and playing fields
- -Food outside camp is very unhealthy eg town, leisure centre all fried
- -No light alcohol available
- Less than 10% of people could name 5 or more sports that are on offer for employees
- -Fresh produce is difficult to get locally and shipping issues
- -High temperatures in work environments
- -All sports are at night hence night shift miss out
- -Lack of advertising for physical activity options
- -Lack of coordination between town, site and camp of activities
- -Uninspiring mess



#### Cultural:

- Social events always include alcohol
- Lack or role models in regards to health and fitness
- -Polices not always enforced
- -Lack of evaluation in regards to current health interventions
- -Buffet style food unlimited quantities
- -Health talks monthly
- No actual health policy
- Excellent safety incentive program can be translated to health
- -Wet mess hours encourage binge drinking
- Lifestyle disease in community is overlooked due to resources lacking



#### Behavioural:

- -Perception that it is all to hard
- Perception we work hard why should we look after ourselves
- Unlimited quantities of food and lack of self control
- Various sporting teams/clubs to confusing
- Challenge of keeping diners happy and offering nutritious food (feeding 2500 people per meal sitting)
- Females and males share gym/exercise facilities cultural issues
- Sports are competitive and you must commit for season difficult with rosters
- Cost associated with sports



#### Physical:

- -Long term analysis of health data not existent
- most people don't know there current health status eg BP, cholesterol, BMI
- -Manual tasks at work are highly repetitive
- Physical fatigue from high temperatures
- many people are overweight and unfit hence don't feel they can compete competitively
- -Minor injuries due to strains and sprains at work



#### What has CBI done?

#### CBI:

- Assessed all information
- Identified priority areas
- Worked from the impact model starting with an awareness campaign
- Looking at not just the individual but changes to environment and culture



## Impact Model – results take time

FINANCIAL IMPACTS

Reduced medical usage

Risk Reduction

Behaviour changes

Improved attitudes

Increased Knowledge

**Participation** 

**Awareness** 



## How can you use this for your own site?

#### Advice:

- Undertake a thorough audit of the health status of your organisation
- When implementing a program invest in trying to alter the environment and culture
- Ensure you think about offer a higher level of ongoing support for high risk individuals
- Use the following checklist as a guide



## A checklist for you.

#### What to assess....

- \* policies and procedures
- \* motivational strategies
- \* communication strategies
- \* exercise options
- \* organised events (lifestyle related)
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#### Site description:

- Multisited operation
- Different resources across mining
- Local and FIFO operations
- International operations
- Over 10,000 employees



## Current health related provision

#### Information:

- Sites all do there own thing lack of consistency
- Sites have different providers or internal health staff
- No data comparison across the organisation
- If an employee moves within the business health data is not transportable
- Traditional corporate health ventures to costly when looking at all employees
- Embrace the 21st century and multifactorial model of health



## Issues

#### Issues:

- Data to be portable for all employees
- Cost effective solution
- Allow sites to continue to use current providers
- Create a family health culture
- Evidence based and scientifically accurate
- Allow sites to customise their program
- Want more than just a central storage of data
- Individuals to be treated like individuals
- Individuals to know there data is secure

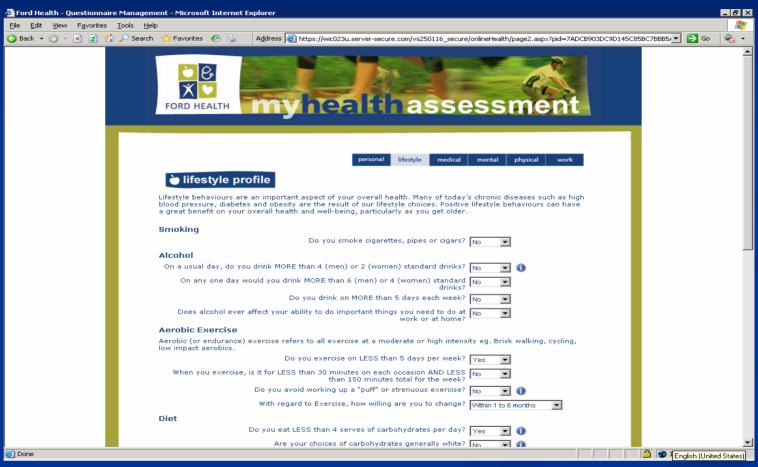


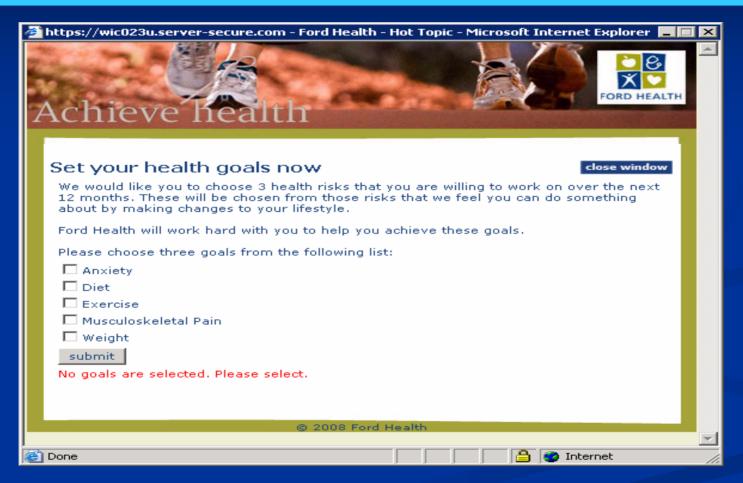
### What did Ford Health do?

#### Create an innovative online health platform

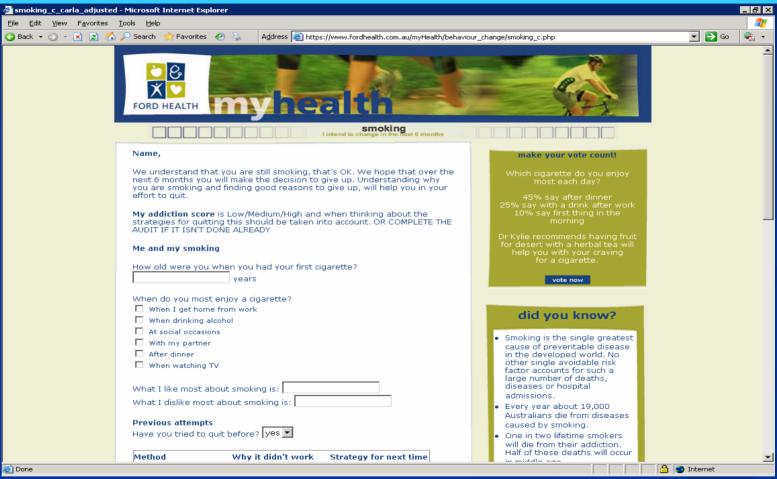
- Cost effective and efficient
- Offers support on an individualised level
- Online platform but backed up by in person activities
- More than just a data storage centre
- Simple to use and navigate
- Portable if moving companies/roles
- Can be customised site by site

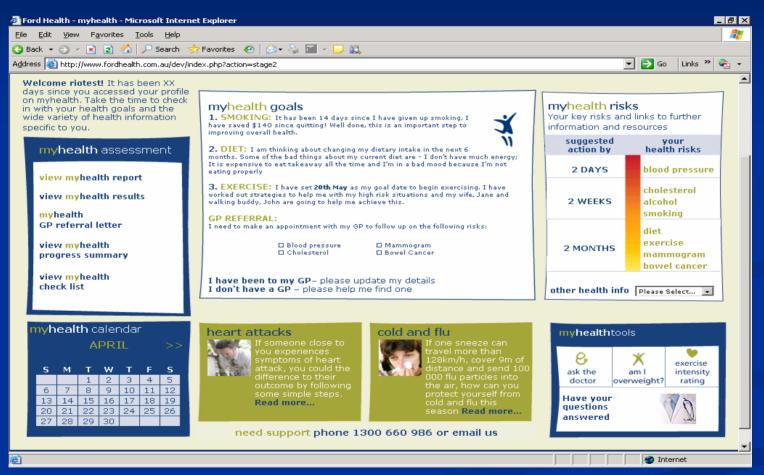














# How can you use this for your own site?

#### Advice General:

- Look outside the square with employee health
- Multifactorial health programing 21st century— online needs to play some part
- Offer a higher level of ongoing support for high risk individuals
- Look at your own worksites and assess how is health data collected and stored
- What activities are in place for self directed learning
- How are families informed and assisted to help the participant change
- -Allow data to be ongoingly submitted and reviewed with changes shown over time



# How can you use this for your own site?

#### Advice for online information systems

(either when choosing one or developing in house):

- Make it user friendly and informative so people will use it
- Don't just store data people need to have ability to take personal responsibility
- Make it personal and allow variations for all members of staff
- Don't replace face to face entirely
- Ensure your intranet is up to date
- Create something the family can use to support workers especially in FIFO rosters



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# **Barriers to Change**

- Barriers vary between people, companies, industries and locations
- Assess their effect on individual employee populations

Address the key barriers along with supporting the physical and psychosocial factors to create a working environment that enables sustainable changes to employee health promoted by workplace health initiatives



## **Achieve Long Term Change**

By recognising and positively enhancing the many physical & psychosocial factors within the working & living environment, an organisation has its best chance at creating long term sustainable change through workplace health initiatives.

Nothing is ever simple – its multifactorial.

