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Think Twice Before Getting Flu Vaccine

Think twice before getting the flu vaccine. The effectiveness rate can be very low because the producers of vaccines are just guessing. For example, during the 2014 to 2015 flu season, the shot was only 19% effective. Eighty-one percent of the vaccinated had no protection from the flu. Last season, the vaccine was only 36 percent effective.

Unfortunately, many hospitals force doctors, nurses and other workers to wear masks or lose their jobs if they choose not to be vaccinated. Interestingly, no one forces the patient's unvaccinated visitors to do the same. Who profits from the \$1.6 billion flu vaccination business? And why does government subsidize nearly 60 percent of the cost?

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