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        The flu is a killer disease. We tend to dismiss it by
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   calling it the flu, but we should call it viral influenza.
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   It kills thousands of people a year in this country, so
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   it's a very serious disease.
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        Typically, the flu season really swings into action in
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   December, January, and February. It takes about two to six
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   weeks to build up an immunity after a flu shot, so early
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   November is the ideal time to get your flu shot.
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        Older people are less able to resist the complications
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   of the flu. People with serious chronic diseases are in
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   this same category. People who reside in institutional
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12 settings, especially older people, are also at greater risk
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13 because flu can spread around an institution very rapidly.
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   Health-care workers and children taking aspirin are also at
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   high risk for catching the flu.
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        When you are in an office setting or are in any work
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   setting where you are constantly exposed to people, you
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   have a greater chance of getting the flu. So, a lot of
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   people, even though they are young and healthy, will get a
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   flu shot just so they don't run the risk of being knocked
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   out of commission for a week or so.
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        It is largely a myth that flu shots make you sick.
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   Thirty years ago, the flu shots often did make people quite
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24 sick, but the newer kinds of vaccines that are used don't
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25 make people sick. People who get a flu shot can still get
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26 a common cold. Frequently, these people get a flu shot and
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   then get a cold and think the flu shot didn't work, when
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28 the flu shot was not responsible.
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