

PROTECT YOURSELF FROM HEALTH FRAUD SCAMS

Promises of quick fixes and miracle cures can be found everywhere including TV infomercials, radio, direct mail, newspapers, and magazines. Bogus claims including "Lose 30 Pounds in 30 Days!" "Shrinks Tumors!" and "Cured my Diabetes!" are just some of the shady schemes used in health fraud scams. These scams can waste money and lead to delays in getting the proper diagnosis and treatment. To increase awareness about fraudulent claims FDA created a new Internet resource to help consumers recognize and protect themselves. FDA's Health Fraud Scams website www.fda.gov/healthfraud pulls together videos and articles in English and Spanish on how to avoid health fraud scams, and offers information about products that have been seized, recalled or are the subject of warnings from the agency.

To view the videos go to:

<http://www.fda.gov/ForConsumers/ProtectYourself/HealthFraud/ucm270086.htm>

<http://www.fda.gov/ForConsumers/ProtectYourself/HealthFraud/ucm270088.htm>

To view and download the brochure - Don't Be a Victim of Health Fraud Scams – in English, visit:

<http://www.fda.gov/ucm/groups/fdagov-public/@fdagov-afda-fda4you/documents/document/ucm267638.pdf>

For information in Spanish, visit:

<http://www.fda.gov/ForConsumers/ProtectYourself/HealthFraud/ucm270137.htm>

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