THE SKEPTIC’S GUIDE TO HEALTH, MEDICINE, AND THE MEDIA

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This course will teach you to be a better consumer of health information. You will learn how not to fall for the latest health scare or sneaky attempts to sell you things you do not need. At the same time, you will become better at telling which health news stories are worthwhile to review and remember.

Week 1: Concussions and the Future of Football
New Drugs on the Block

Week 2: Is it time for Medical Marijuana?
The Media and Weight Loss

Week 3: Alternative Medicine in the News
The Media’s Take on Mental Health

Week 4: The Media and the Internet
We Share Our World with Toxins

Week 5: Are Coffee and Wine Good for Your Heart?
Does Cancer Screening Work?

Week 6: Drug Prices in the News
Selling Disease

Week 7: Infections in the Headlines
Health Risks in Our Environment

Week 8: Bad Science
Diet, Health, and Power of Words

Week 9: Genetics and the Media
How to Stay Young

Week 10: Cures for the Common Cold
The Media’s Role in Improving Health