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Bias in Health Information: Understanding the Agendas

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Summary:

All health information and advice is biased, including mine. That doesn't mean it's worthless.

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Writers of medical advice--including columnists, insurance companies, governmental agencies, m

Does that mean you should throw up your hands, say the hell with it, and never read or listen

What motivates health columnists? Well, how about their continued employment, the needs of the

Yet don't infer that you should ignore what the health columnists have to say. They provide a

One of the odder chapters in the business of medicine is that certain insurance companies have

Governmental agencies like the National Institutes of Health provide medical information which

How about individual health practitioners? Giving advice is what they do for a living, so what

Let's move on to the drug companies. In my opinion there is no medical information that is bot

I have written elsewhere about the comical turn of events in the "advice" that drug companies

Another hazard is in allowing drug companies to write the information-sheets that doctors hand

So when it comes to medical advice, consider the source.

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