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Delivery of Inoculations via the Internet

Telemedicine entered a new age at the start of this month with the announcement that some of the most commonly needed vaccinations can now be delivered over the Internet. "It's just a shame we didn't quite have this ready in time for the H1N1 swine flu epidemic," said Dr. I.M. Akin at the Centers for Disease Control. "It has been fast tracked through the FDA now, so we're ready for the next epidemic."

This breakthrough means next October, nobody has to make an appointment to visit their doctor or stand in line at a drugstore to get a flu shot. Everyone can just browse to the government's vaccination website and get a "flu shot" in the comfort of home, free of charge.

Dr. Akin described this as revolutionary for public health. "We all know schoolchildren are the most prolific incubators and spreaders of flu, and they are also the most resistant about getting a flu shot. This is so easy and painless, we can make sure everyone gets a flu shot. There can't be another epidemic if everybody is immunized."

How It Works

To get immunized the new way, browse to a new page sponsored by the CDC, www.LoofLirpa.gov.

- Click the button to Get Vaccinated Now.
- The site will ask for your Social Security number. For security reasons, it will also ask for your date of birth, the last name of your kindergarten teacher, and the maiden name of your mother's father's great aunt.
- After you pass this security check, the site will show you a list of inoculations you are eligible to receive. (Although flu is the first to be offered, yellow fever and typhoid are due to be available by July.) The system knows which vaccinations you've had and which you might need.
- The site will display a circle where you should press your thumb while the site gives you a ten second countdown. It's important to hold your thumb firmly in place on the circle, without moving it, throughout the countdown.

That's all there is to it. You've "taken your shot" and your doctor is being sent an update for your medical records.

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What Happens During the Countdown

Scientists have determined that exposure to fluctuating electromagnetic fields can “program” virus-killing cells in the human immune system. Using state of the art three dimensional computer models of a virus, they can calculate the exact fluctuations necessary to encode the immune system to recognize and attack that virus.

While you press your thumb to the circle on your computer display, the vaccination website sends the right images to the circle to generate the appropriate fluctuations from the display. These images change too rapidly for your eyes to detect them, but immune system cells circulating through your thumb are programmed.

Eight seconds of exposure are needed with cathode ray tube displays (the large, cumbersome displays on old computers). Ten seconds are required with LCD and LED displays (the flat displays on new computers). Since people are increasingly using newer displays, the vaccination website delivers ten seconds of encoding.

Flight Line

A new budget airline began service at the start of this month, catering strictly to business travelers on the Washington to New York route. Ticket prices at PC Air are low, but there is a catch—it’s a propeller driven airplane, and every passenger is required to carry on a laptop PC with a battery at least 75% charged.

As soon as the captain turns off the seatbelt sign, all passengers take out their PCs and plug their power ports into the power jack in the armrest. But power does not flow from the airplane to the PC, and the passengers are not allowed to turn the computers on. As soon as the captain’s tracking board says all passengers have plugged in, the captain shuts down the engines. The airliner’s propellers are turned by power collected from the PCs until nearly time for final approach, when the engines are restarted.

Business travelers who took the maiden flight praised the new service highly. Small business owner T.O. Squeezed said, “With the economy the way it is, a small shop like mine needs every break it can get. This flight only cost me five bucks! If I drove here, I couldn’t even park for that.”

At the other end of the business spectrum, Maiken A. Heap from a Fortune 500 company said, “The boss has been pressing me to save on expenses and work more hours. With ticket prices so low, he couldn’t resist sending me on this flight instead of the usual. I told him it’s a shame I can’t work while I’m flying with the laptop turned off. But to tell the truth, I’m delighted. I needed the sleep!”

Business travelers interested in flying PC Air can buy tickets through any of the major travel booking websites.



In Case You Didn't Guess

We hope you enjoyed April Fool's Day. We certainly did.

We're always serious about business. We'll be serious about the newsletter again next month.