

Wes Studi: Antivirals

[Wes Studi speaking Cherokee]] Hello. My name is Wes Studi. I am Cherokee.

[Wes Studi] I know the problems the spread of illness can cause Native people. Let's not let this happen during the H1N1 flu outbreak. If you come down with seasonal flu or the H1N1 flu, prescription medicines, called antivirals, can help you feel better and prevent the more severe effects of flu.

[Mother] How are you feeling, Jeffrey?

[Jeffrey] I'm feeling great!

[Wes Studi] When flu is widespread across our communities, our priority is to treat people at highest risk for severe disease as early as possible.

[Physician's Assistant] We will treat you. But, not to be alarmed, because it won't harm the pregnancy.

[Wes Studi] Pregnant women, young children, the elderly and people with chronic diseases should receive antivirals as soon as flu symptoms develop.

[Physician] A little under the weather? How long has that been going on?

[Wes Studi] If fever, cough and sore throat develop, contact your healthcare provider. Antivirals can help protect the circle of life.