

In article <1993Mar29.204003.26952@tjic02.uucp> pjs269@tjic02.uucp (Paul Schmidt) writes:

>I think it is important to verify all procedures with proper studies to
>show their worthiness and risk. I just read an interesting tidbit that
>80% of the medical treatments are unproven and not based on scientific
>fact. For example, many treatments of prostate cancer are unproven and
>the treatment may be more dangerous than the disease (according to the
>article I read.)

Where did you read this? I don't think this is true. I think most medical treatments are based on science, although it is difficult to prove anything with certitude. It is true that there are some things that have just been found "to work", but we have no good explanation for why. But almost everything does have a scientific rationale. The most common treatment for prostate cancer is probably hormone therapy. It has been "proven" to work. So have radiation and chemotherapy. What treatments did the article say are not proven?

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