

two weeks ago. There's an Indian fellow lives over Boswell, he's pretty well known around here. They say he's an Indian doctor, so she wanted to go down there and to see him last summer year ago. So she kept on, I didn't even know the man. So I've taken her down there and he gave her some medicine. I don't know if it helped her or anything so. . . I mean, I knew what was wrong with her but I really don't believe the medicine he gave her helped her at all. But there are still Indian people who believe in that. . . I mean, not lots but few. Every now and then.

"What do you think as far as your work out here at the hospital and your trying the education (not clear) and teach them about some of these new things, what are some of the problems that you face?"

Well, biggest we're having is their diet, you know, Indian people like to eat.

"Yes."

And it depends on what their illness is, well, such as diabetic. Well, out here they stay on diabetic until they get home and then they forget about it and then a lot of them don't stay with their medicine at home, I'm pretty sure of that. And then appointments are made for them at certain times to come back or go to these field clinics and I know some of them don't go. Which they should but they get to feeling good and, well, I'm not going, so they don't go. And that's where a lot of trouble is.

"How would you make these people realize the importance of keeping these appointments or taking their medicines?"

Well, you know, you can't just have everybody there to watch them.

"That's right."

These public health nurses in each county, they check on some of the people, then they get a report back here. Well, this person is not taking their medicine and, well, we explained to them here how important it is to take their medicine. But as soon as they walk out that front door, that's it.

Laughter.

"Does that get sort of discouraging?"