

WOMEN NEVER ALLOWED TO WITNESS BUFFALO MEDICINE MEN DOCTORING

(Did they let other people come in and watch?)

Just the men, not women. Women are not allowed in there. But if a woman is sick, well, of course, that's all right, because they're doctoring her. But there's no women allowed when they doctoring her in that tipi.

(Well, you said they doctor in the morning and again in the evening.

Well, in the middle of the day would they leave the tipi?)

No, like if they doctor in the morning, after they get through, well, the women can go in there and wait on that sick person. But just when they doctor, they have to go out. They not supposed to be in there--just the menfolks.

(And didn't you say he said a prayer, too?)

Yeah, he pray.

(What did he say in his prayers?)

When he prays, he prays like you worship now to God. But they pray to something else, their belief. To the idols and what he holds-- that medicine he's got. He prays to that. Like I told you they call that woman the medicine was given to, Pa^h tsòhì. He call that woman to come and help him because that medicine first was given to her and that's why they call her. She's gone and died back long time but still they call her name. They really respect that name. They don't dare to call it until they doctor. These are my grandchildren. I really get on to them and they don't mind me. How do you call it, they go out on the warpath. Shall we get that or shall we wait until next time.

(Well, I have a little bit of tape left but it's just up to you, whether you feel tired right now.)