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# Welcome to our first newsletter!

Greetings!

We've had many requests to provide a regular recap of articles from RXISK.org, <u>my blog</u>, and other news and events on **prescription drug side effects.** Here is our first effort, which we plan to issue monthly.

Thank you for your support. Your feedback, as always, is greatly appreciated.

#### Dr. David Healy

**PS.** Toronto residents see below for information on our 15 January 2013 panel discussion at the Art Gallery of Ontario (<u>You And Your Meds: Are They Safe?</u>).

Thanks for your reports. Thought you might be interested in where your country stands. See the tables at the end of this Newsletter.

#### Learn more about RxISK.org

## IN THE NEWS...

<u>Make sure your prescription drug doesn't "spike" your holiday</u> <u>cocktail</u> Website issues a holiday caution on the use of alcohol and prescription drugs.

Medicine in the thrall of the culture of drugs Healthland's Donald W. Light reviews Pharmageddon.

Could your meds affect your sex life?



Sex and Relationships Zone shows possible links between prescription drugs and sex.

Mercola.com

Dr. Mercola interviews Dr. David Healy on "How the Pharmaceutical Industry Profits from False Claims, and a Brand New Online Tool that Can Help You Get Better Health Care.

<u>Cardiff University</u> Time to Abandon Evidence Based Medicine? David Healy's lecture captured on YouTube.

<u>Could your meds make you suicidal?</u> Free online tool shows possible links between prescription drugs and suicide.

Prescription-drug-induced violence medicine's best kept secret? RxISK.org has added a Violence Zone.

<u>A megaphone for patients and their doctors to help change drug safety</u> RxISK.org, the first free independent website for researching and reporting drug side effects, is now live.

# **RxISK STORIES**

How pharma captures bereaved mothers I thought I was going to talk to a group of survivors, perhaps to hear stories and advice... but I quickly discovered that there was another agenda at play.

Antidepressants and compulsive shopping When happy meds lead to depressing debt.



Birth of a statinista; prescribing cascades Khaya's decade-long medical nightmare of overmedication and medical indifference.

Monica's story: The aftermath of polypsychopharmacology I recently contacted the doctor who doctor who grossly over-medicated me and made me ill.

## FROM DAVID HEALY'S BLOG...

If you're going to look after patients, man up Controversial FDA official Tom Laughren retires.



Data access wars

What does your doctor know about your medicines? Who is trying to keep clinical trial data secret?

Access to clinical trial data: privacy rights, property rights and phoney rights At the European Medicines' Agency meeting the pharmaceutical industry quietly raised their commercial interest in data secrecy in a jaw dropping argument that slipped quickly out of

focus.

Access to RxISK data: conflicts of interest

Rxisk.org has data GSK should want, should need. We have raised the issue of accessing the data with them. They don't seem to want access.

Won't get fooled again? GlaxoSmithKline and access to data Stunning propaganda coup by pharmaceutical giant GlaxoSmithKline.

### YOU AND YOUR MEDS: ARE THEY SAFE?

TORONTO: 15 JANUARY 2013 (7:00-8:30pm)

RxISK and the Patients' Association of Canada are co-hosting a panel presentation at the Art Gallery of Ontario with:

- Terence Young, Conservative MP and author of *Death by Prescription*
- Dr. David Healy, RxISK.org founder and author of Pharmageddon
- Dr.Sholom Glouberman, President of the Patients' Association of Canada and author of *My Operation*

The event is free, but we are asking people to register as space is limited. Panelists will have books available for purchase and signing.

To register for this event

### **RxISK by the numbers**

#### Absolute no of reports

- 1. USA
- 2. UK
- 3. Canada
- 4. New Zealand
- 5. Ireland
- 6. Australia
- 7. Germany
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# No of Reports per Head of Population

- 1. New Zealand
- 2. Ireland
- 3. Canada
- 4. United Kingdom
- 5. USA
- 6. Australia
- 7. Germany

# No of Side Effects per Head of Population

- 1. Ireland
- 2. New Zealand
- 3. United Kingdom
- 4. Canada
- 5. Australia
- 6. Germany
- 7. USA

#### Most Side Effects per person

- 1. Australia
- 2. Germany
- 3. Ireland
- 4. United Kingdom
- 5. Canada
- 6. New Zealand
- 7. United States

### **Top Reported Drugs**

- 1. Levaquin (Levofloxacin)
- 2. Celexa (Citalopram)
- 3. Prozac (fluoxetine), Paxil (paroxetine), Crestor (rosuvastatin), Seroquel (quetiapine)

## <u>RxISK.org</u>

Our mission is to build a collective pool of wisdom on prescription drug side

effects and make this data available to everyone to identify problems and solutions.

Report a drug side effect

We need you to report your experience.

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