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Here's a recap of blog posts and other news from the past month.

We had a huge response on RxISK to my interview with the <u>Honest Apothecary</u>, as well as to the Motherisk story in *Maclean's* magazine, <u>There's a pill for that</u>, and the *Daily Mail's* article <u>Could your medicine</u> <u>give you a drink problem?</u>

It was nice see see my series of blog posts on randomized controlled trials followed so closely by 180711 trials followed so closely by 180711 (a) 180711 (a) <a href="ma

Thank you for your support.

Your feedback, as always, is greatly appreciated.

David Healy, MD

In the news...

<u>The Honest Apothecary: An interview with</u> <u>Dr. Healy</u>

There are many roads one can travel on within the world of medicine. Some take their training down the pathway of clinical practice and patient care. Other will steer



themselves toward the scholarly street of science and studies.

Daily Mail: Could your medicine give you a drink problem?

The disturbing side-effects even the manufacturers don't know about Several years ago, Anne-Marie Cook, a 40-year-old health care assistant from Surrey, was prescribed the antidepressant Seroxat after she'd become anxious and withdrawn following the death of her father.

Maclean's magazine: There's a pill for that

A British Columbia class-action suit against the makers of Paxil is putting the spotlight on a controversial issue: the growing use of antidepressants during pregnancy. Yet a rising chorus of researchers is questioning Motherisk's stance on SSRI use in pregnancy. One of the most vocal is psychiatrist and psychopharmacologist David Healy, director of the North Wales department of psychological medicine at Cardiff University. Healy, who prescribes SSRIs selectively, says there's no good data suggesting untreated depression is more dangerous to mother and child than SSRIs.

Global News 16×9 investigation: Drug reactions

In a 16×9 investigation Sean O'Shea reveals what drug companies knew about the effectiveness and side effects of antidepressants and how the drugs got onto pharmacy shelves despite some glaring flaws. Dr. David Healy is one of the experts interviewed.

<u>Collegiate Times: Mental rehabilitation should focus on behavioural therapy</u>

Dr. David Healy, controversial British psychiatrist and founder of RxISK.org, has recently come out with a statistic that states "some 90 percent of school shootings over more than a decade have been linked to a widely prescribed type of antidepressant called selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors or SSRIs."

BBC Radio: The Prozac Economy

Prozac is 25 years old. It has been taken by over 40 million people around the world and made billions of dollars for Eli Lilly, the company that created it. But does it work? And what effect has the promise of a "happiness pill" had on society?

RxISK stories

Dr. Healy's North American and European speaking schedule

Internationally respected psychiatrist, psychopharmacologist, scientist, and author Dr. David Healy will be lecturing and touring both Europe and North America in the coming weeks on his mission to make prescription drugs safer.

SoS: Dopamine Agonist Withdrawal Syndrome

Renny's story here chillingly outlines the misery of Dopamine Agonist Withdrawal Syndrome (DAWS). Below this we present data from RxISK.org's SoS Zone showing rates of SoS and related problems on Dopamine Agonists which fully bear out her personal ...

RxISK's SoS Zone: Symptoms on Stopping

Birth of the SoS Zone Backed into a corner by Panorama's Shelley Jofre in 2003, GSK's Alastair Benbow was faced with an accusation that GSK's Paxil - Seroxat was addictive. No its not he said. He had a snag though, ...

Trouble stopping your meds? New tool from RxISK can help

RxISK has added a Symptoms on Stopping (SoS) Zone to highlight and collect data on the side effects patients can experience when stopping a medication. "While many of us associate withdrawal with stopping things like cigarettes, heroin, or sleeping pills, we may not realize that commonly used prescription drugs for conditions such as high blood pressure, cholesterol, indigestion, and depression have withdrawal effects that can range from mild rebound symptoms to life-threatening crises", says RxISK Chief Medical Officer Dr. Dee Mangin.





From David's blog...

Brand fascism

This is the sixth in the Lasagna series of posts that began with Not So Bad Pharma, April Fool, Tragedy of Lou Lasagna, Empire of Humbug: Bad Pharma and will continue through to Witty A: Report to the President. Faced with questions about the \$3 Billion fine imposed on GSK...

The empire of humbug: Not so bad pharma

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Report to the President. In 1954 soon after his article with Beecher put the placebo on...



