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Dear :

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

I am pleased to announce the relaunch of [SSRI Stories](#), a website that identifies media stories (newspapers, TV, scientific journals) in which prescription antidepressants may be linked to a variety of adverse outcomes, including violence.

The new [SSRIStories.org](#) was created by a team of RxISK volunteers who wanted to build on the legacy of [Rosie Meysenburg](#). Rosie and several colleagues created and maintained the original SSRI Stories website until her death in March 2012.

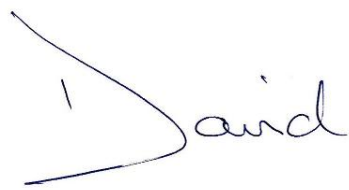
Starting with the original base of 4,600 stories, the team has updated the look and feel of Rosie's website, added more than 400 stories, and developed a classification system so that users can search for stories by category.

Plans are in the works to add a customized Google search feature, which will be fully functional when every story has been classified. (We expect to be finished late 2014.)

Legacy content has been preserved with its original formatting and is available under the [Archives menu](#). Web links to these stories will continue to work the way they used to.

We welcome your feedback about the new website - especially the classification categories - and encourage users to send us stories they feel should be included.

Thank you for your support.



David Healy, MD

RxISK stories

[The Strange History of Lariam](#)

This is the second part of a Lariam Odyssey by Dr Sam Ramsay Smith. The first part ran last week - Lariam Hell. Like most good stories this one involves expediency, hegemony, immorality, greed and even scientific bias, ... [\[Read More...\]](#)...»

[Lariam Hell](#)

This post and the following one on the strange story of the Birth of Lariam come from Dr Sam Ramsay-Smith who has some questions he wants answered. In October, 'The Independent' printed the news that the US Armed ... [\[Read More...\]](#)...»

[Nearly Invisible: Drug Traffic Accidents](#)

Many years ago, Moyra Peralta lost her eldest son in a Road Traffic Accident. As she put it, she flipped out. She spent several years afterwards working with homeless people on the streets of London. Out of this ... [\[Read More...\]](#)...»

[E-Patients: No Free Lunch?](#)

Ken Spriggs is one of our regular contributors. This is cross-posted from his blog where he takes on all issues Crohns. The original post comes complete with all references mentioned here. In recent months, the BMJ have ... [\[Read More...\]](#)...»

From David's blog...

[Psychiatry Gone Astray](#)

We follow up the Guilty post last week with a piece written by Peter Gotzsche that has caused a stir in Denmark and provoked some of the Danish professors he critiques to respond. At the Nordic Cochrane Centre, we have researched antidepressants for several years and I have long wondered why leading [...]...»



Guilty

Days of Reckoning? A little over a year ago, there was consternation in psychiatric circles as a French psychiatrist, Daniele Canarelli was found guilty after her patient hacked a man to death. She had not recognized the hazard he posed. Doctors didn't like the implications they saw. In a series of lectures I have raised [...]...»

Drug Traffic Accidents: ADHD

In an End of Year post on RxISK, the concept of a Drug Traffic Accident was introduced. This can refer to being run over by a drug, sometimes called side effects, or adverse events, or adverse drug reactions or it can refer to the trafficking of drugs. This post covers both types. [...]...»

The Snow Queen

Crusoe and Hans grew up together. Crusoe's father encouraged her to believe she could do anything she put her mind to. Han's father, Peter, was a story-teller who delighted both children with his stories, especially during the long evenings at the onset of Winter. He told them about the Microbe Hunters who discovered the causes of diseases [...]...»

The Medicine Maker

This is based on the Finnish National Epic, the Kalevala. The image comes from the series painted by Axel Gallen to illustrate the Kalevala. Crusoe spent years trying to make a Medicine Maker. She was finally successful at the end of a long Winter just as the first signs of growth appeared on the [...]...»

The Church of GSKology

This post is about midway through a series of posts that are broadly part of the AbbVie series. The series began with GSK's Transparency and Access Journey, moved on to The House of GSK and will have at least two more posts after this. Reading the Minneapolis StarTribune, it was the reference to [...]...»



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