

**February 2014**

Dear :

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

We've stepped into a breach created by [Wikipedia taking down information on how drugs such as SSRIs or finasteride \(Propecia\) can cause enduring sexual dysfunction](#). It would seem Wikipedia regards enduring sexual dysfunction as more mythical than the Loch Ness monster and less important than President Obama's dog.

There have been more than 120 reports of enduring sexual dysfunction to the RxISK website, and we have sent a paper for peer review on these.

We also ran several blog posts on enduring sexual dysfunction for Valentine's Week on [RxISK.org](#). There will be a major article coming out in Men's Health shortly. This is a story that is not going away.

Meanwhile on davidhealy.org, Scandinavian Peter Gotzsche has Kicked the Hornet's Nest, challenging some of the myths of psychiatry in two posts, [Psychiatry Gone Astray](#) and [Get Real](#), stirring up quite a response just like Lisbet Salander - the Girl with the Dragon Tattoo.

Thank you for your support.

Your feedback, as always, is greatly appreciated.



David Healy, MD

# RxISK stories

## [Post - Isotretinoin Sexual Syndrome: PISSEd off](#)

This original post featured some months ago under the heading of Acutane: Thirty years of trading our sex lives for clear skin. It was written by Bill Gallaher. The reason to reproduce here is to bring out the huge overlap ... [Read More...][...»](#)

## [Post Finasteride Syndrome: PSSD](#)

Wikipedia astonishingly removed their post on Post SSRI Sexual Dysfunction on January 27th (see this week's previous posts: 'Sexual DEATH'; 'PSSD - Wikipedia Stumbles'; 'PSSD - Wikipedia Falls'). This was a huge mistake. PSSD and related conditions like ... [Read More...][...»](#)

## [Post-SSRI Sexual Dysfunction: Wikipedia Falls](#)

This is the debate among Wikipedia referees about whether the PSSD post should be retained. The lead person in having it removed goes under the nom de plume of 'Formerly 98'. It is the third post in a ... [Read More...][...»](#)

## [Post-SSRI Sexual Dysfunction: PSSD. Wikipedia Stumbles](#)

There was until recently a Wikipedia post on Post SSRI Sexual Dysfunction - PSSD, which helped put this condition on the map. On January 27 it was taken down. We reproduce the original post here and in a ... [Read More...][...»](#)

## [Sexual Dysfunction Enduring After Treatment Halts: Sexual-DEATH](#)

This post is written in the first person but there are a lot of voices in here. Wikipedia Stumbles and Falls Wikipedia used to host a valued page on Post-SSRI Sexual Dysfunction (PSSD). On January 27th this was ... [Read More...][...»](#)

## [At first a Lifeline, then a Noose](#)

The death of Philip Seymour Hoffman featured heavily in early news bulletins this week. It seems highly likely that Hoffman's death originated from a prescription drug problem. As it happens Johanna Ryan from RxISK's Community Board had been liaising ... [Read More...][...»](#)

## [Antidepressants and Autism: Time to Worry?](#)

This post by Adam Urato from Boston picks up one of the most important issues of our time. It touches on one of the most sensitive issues of all - should anyone tell a mother-to-be what to do ... [Read More...][...»](#)

## [Sticks in the Throat: Boxology](#)

This is a follow up post from John Scheel to his Sticks in the Throat piece earlier in the week. The theme here fits very well with two posts in the last week on davidhealy.org - Guilty and Psychiatry ... [Read More...][...»](#)

### [Sticks in the Throat](#)

This post by John Scheel from Ontario brings out how medication and devices can lead to what we've lately been calling Drug Traffic Accidents. The concept seems a better fit to what happened here than either side effects or ... [Read More...][...»](#)



## From David's blog...

### [Get Real: Peter Gøtzsche Responds](#)

Two weeks ago we ran Peter Gøtzsche's Psychiatry Gone Astray. There was a context - a Danish doctor had been found responsible for the suicide of a young man put on antidepressants. This and Peter's article stirred up debate in Denmark drawing a hard to credit defensive response from

senior Danish Psychiatrists. Peter's blog was critiqued by [\[...\]](#)[...»](#)

### [What Do Women Want?](#)

This is cross-posted from 1boringoldman - Reassure Us. It tackles the most important issue in healthcare and one of the most important in politics. GSK have clearly persuaded Ben Goldacre, Iain Chalmers and David Cameron, and J&J have persuaded Harlan Krumholz and Barack Obama that their model of Data Access - the AbbVie model [\[...\]](#)[...»](#)

### [The Devil's Disclaimer](#)

The marketing of pharmaceuticals avails of something given to no other area of marketing - the product is made available on prescription-only. In this post Johanna Ryan, from RxISK's Community Advisory Board, spells out the risks this gives rise to. This is a theme that has come up often and one we will [\[...\]](#)[...»](#)



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