

**April 2014**

Dear :

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

Whether you're John Kerry, Sergei Lavrov, or Pope Francis, the trickiest and maybe scariest diplomatic mission you can undertake is to attempt to tell your doctor that s/he has put you on something that is not right for you. And it's getting harder. Once upon a time, doctors might have been receptive to the idea that things could go wrong on pills, but they are losing this belief rapidly. Even if you yourself are a doctor and you come asking, "Could my pill have caused this?" the system is likely to leave you feeling you're going mad.

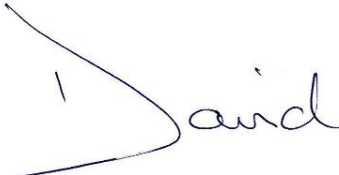
Don't believe us? Then take the RxISK challenge. With our new improved RxISK 2.0, reporting prescription drug side effects is now easier than ever. Generate a [RxISK Report](#), take it to your doctor, and tell us what happens.

Or, better yet, tell Jeff Lacasse.

Dr. Jeffrey Lacasse of Florida State University is conducting a study assessing the use of the RxISK website and the RxISK Report. He is particularly interested in finding out how physicians react when patients bring a RxISK Report to their appointment, and whether it was helpful to both patients and prescribers. If you are interested in participating email [jeffreylacasse@gmail.com](mailto:jeffreylacasse@gmail.com).

Thank you for your support.

Your feedback, as always, is greatly appreciated.



## RxISK stories

### [Lullaby](#)

A study published this week suggests that the issue of birth defects on antidepressants rather than suicide or homicide may yet end up as the Mark of Cain by which these drugs are remembered. Hush, little baby, don't ... [Read More...]...»

### [Is it the drugs, or the war? Yes.](#)

Author: Johanna Ryan, Labor Activist with Illinois Workers Compensation Lawyers (Chicago) & RxISK Community Advisory Board Member, April 15, 2014 Within hours of Spec. Ivan Lopez' deadly shooting spree and subsequent suicide in Fort Hood, Texas, the denials started to ... [Read More...]...»

### [Get Involved with Team RxISK](#)

Team RxISK takes first big step in England: Get involved With millions of people throughout the world participating in sporting events to raise money for many different causes, who would ever think that prescription drug safety could become a cause ... [Read More...]...»

### [Mother's Little Poisoner](#)

There have been some high profile cases recently that may reflect the effects of drugs. A Classic Modus Operandi On March 17th L'Wren Scott hung herself in her Manhattan apartment. She hung herself from a door handle. Hanging with your feet ... [Read More...]...»

### [I Get By With a Little Help from my Friends](#)

This post is written by Dr Richard A. Lawhern Ph.D., site moderator, content author and Resident Research Analyst with "Living With TN", an online community among Ben's Friends. He is the spouse of a trigeminal neuralgia (TN) patient who has symptoms of ... [Read More...]...»

### [New Guide to Stopping Antidepressants](#)

The RxISK Medical team has posted a "final" copy of the RxISK Guide to Stopping Antidepressants. Thanks to all for your feedback on the Guide (originally published as a draft paper) and please continue to provide input for the next ... [Read More...]...»

### [New fundraising initiative for RxISK.org](#)

New fundraising initiative launches this weekend in Hastings to highlight deadly anti-depressant drug side effects A new fundraising initiative is launching on Sunday March 23, 2014 to raise awareness of the potentially deadly side effects of anti-depressant drugs. ... [Read More...][...](#)»



## From David's blog...

### [Welcome to Troy](#)

A lot people it seems have been singing and dancing in the street at news last week that AbbVie the pharmaceutical company that make Humira have dropped a legal action against the European Medicine's Agency (EMA) that was aimed at blocking any access by researchers or others to their clinical trial

data.

Not everyone will be pleased though. Stacey London might wonder whether she should fire her advisers. She could have featured as a Joan of Arc leading a RxISK campaign against oppression had she responded to our Open Letter to Stacey. She might be sitting pretty now had she adopted a position that Humira can be a tremendous drug but hiding clinical trial data is just not acceptable. But we got no response, and it didn't seem fair to harass her. [...][...](#)»

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