Greetings!

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

One of the key issues in recent posts on RxISK.org has been the theme of what we think a drug can cause. Can it cause a homicide? Can it cause a husband to leave a wife? Why do reactions to these two scenarios differ?

On DavidHealy.org we have finished a series on Doctor Munchausen and started a series on Persecution - a murder mystery about who wants me referred to the General Medical Council (GMC) - the UK body that licenses medical Doctors.

Thank you for your support.

Your feedback, as always, is greatly appreciated.

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RxISK stories

Chantix and Violence
On October 16, there is an FDA hearing about Chantix and violence which is widely expected to feature an effort by Pfizer to roll back the warnings on the drug. One of the fascinating things about the Chantix ... [Read More...]

Medicines are not just a commodity
This is not a RxISK Story - its about preventing RxISK Stories. Those who read RxISK Stories are well aware of the economic might of the Pharmaceutical industry (and the medical device industry) and their growing political clout ... [Read More...]

Femininity and Drugs?
Just as the concepts of Recovery, Citizen Scientists and pretty well everything else can be captured by pharmaceutical industry, so also feminism and claims of sexism are now being hijacked by industry as marketing tools. FDA are accused of being ... [Read More...]

When is a Drug Guilty?
We desperately need you to undertake some jury duty - we need you to explore why we react so strangely when it comes to changes on behavior linked to prescription drugs? In the last two posts Doctor Faces ... [Read More...]

From David's blog...

Persecution: Was Collective Narcissism Mordor's Problem?
This is the Sixth in the Persecution Series, after The Persecution of Heretics, The Persecution of Vulnerable Adults, Harassment from the BBC to GMC, Harassment...
from Rolf Harris to James Coyne to Doctor Who, & Persecution: Black Riders in the Shire. This completes the scene setting. Next week the posts will get down to the gritty-nitty. [...]»

**Persecution: Black Riders Seen in the Shire**
Fifth in the Persecution Series, after The Persecution of Heretics, The Persecution of Vulnerable Adults, Harassment from the BBC to GMC, Harassment from Rolf Harris to James Coyne to Doctor Who. On the left is a map of North Wales, on the right Middle Earth from Lord of the Rings. Tolkien based his story on [...]»

**Harassment: Rolf Harris to James Coyne to Doctor Who**
This is the fourth in the Persecution Series - a continuation of the letter to the H of Commons posted earlier this week. Double click on the image to view the words and the detail. Abuse is always Repeated I was referred to GMC some 8 years ago. Then the referral came from David Nutt [...]»

**Harassment: From the BBC to the GMC**
For those of you who like Breaking Bad, this the third in the Persecution Murder Mystery series. Without giving away the plot, it jumps right to last week. It has been adapted from a letter to members of the House of Commons committee on harassment in the NHS. The second part of the letter will [...]»

**Persecution of Vulnerable Adults: POVA**
For anyone bereft since Breaking Bad came to an end, this is a second installment in The Persecution of Heretics Murder Mystery series. Episode one can be seen here. The harassment of healthcare staff has been a backburner in British news recently. There have been a series of pieces in the Daily Mail, usually [...]»

**The Persecution of Heretics**
This is the start of a series that will likely run through to the End of the Year. For those of you who like Murder
Mysteries, this is one. Please comment, speculate and help put a new source of harassment and intimidation properly on the map. This post accompanies a talk I [...]...

**Doctor Munchausen: Hear no, See no - What?**

This is the last in the Doctor Munchausen series. A new strand on the Persecution of Heretics will start soon. The image is Paul Klee's Drawing for the Dance of a Grieving Child. Being Irish makes it possible to tackle certain things - or now possible. The question of the Catholic Church for [...]...»