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

The point behind the Persecution series of posts on DavidHealy.org is that these pressures press on all doctors all the time, but they are largely unaware of them. You or I become aware of the pressure on the doctor when we ask about an adverse event and find the doctor turns nasty -- essentially because they cannot afford to contemplate the prospect that their treatments could damage innocent people.

Thank you for your support.

Your feedback, as always, is greatly appreciated.



David Healy, MD

RxISK stories

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This post continues from last week's Persecution of Heretics. Its about how only a Popular Movement with those suffering adverse effects on drugs speaking up can save us now. It adapts a talk given a month ago ... [Read More...][...»](#)

[The Persecution of Heretics](#)

For the past two months while there have been a series of authors on RxISK posts, David Healy has run a Persecution of Heretics series on davidhealy.org. The heresy is that drugs come with side effects - that ... [Read More...][...»](#)

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This post from James Bennett of RxISK's team explores the increasingly problematic area of sexual functioning on antidepressants and other drugs. We will have a further post next week on some leads in treating PSSD. The efforts to ... [Read More...][...»](#)

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From David's blog...



Persecution: He Who Would Do A Great Evil

Faced with questions about the \$3 Billion fine imposed on GSK in 2012 (is it just the cost of doing business?), Andrew Witty snapped back: "Although corporate malfeasance cases end up looking very big, they often have their

origin in just... one or two people who didn't quite do the right thing. It's not about the big piece. The 100,000 people who work for GSK are just like you, right? I'm sure everybody who reads the BMJ has friends who work for drug companies. They're normal people... Many of them are doctors." [...]....»

Persecution: Professional SUI Cide

For some of us, the magic of boarding an Alaskan Airlines flight from Anchorage to Atlanta with 200 other people and all their baggage, or even bigger planes aiming at crossing 12000 miles of Pacific Ocean, and finding that the thing actually lifts off the ground never fades. Any sane thinking person should be reduced to a state of gibbering panic for the duration of the flight, but most of us put our trust in the woman at the controls and in the fact that if we don't get there she won't. [...]....»

Persecution: The SUI Cide Apparatus

In a piece in the New York Times two weeks ago, Groopman and Hartzbrand claimed that insurance companies on the basis of a range of evidence and a variety of metrics were increasingly constraining the choices of doctors and patients and were jeopardizing patient safety in the process. This reprises the argument put forward in Pharmageddon, which was written in 2008. [...]....»

Persecution: SUI Cide & Peace in our Time

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checks and balances in place can lose its moral compass and kill millions of people it finds inconvenient then professional bodies can certainly get involved in acts of thuggery and harassment. [...]...»



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