

## January 2015

## Greetings!

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

We are currently in need of a volunteer designer to help with updating our branding and website. If you are interested, please <u>contact me</u> through my blog.

Thank you for your support.

Your feedback, as always, is greatly appreciated.

David Healy, MD

# **RxISK stories**

## Over The Top: Tackling Medical Power

Laurie Oakley has recently brought out a book, Crazy and it Was, that gives many vivid illustrations of the problems of coping with healthcare systems, especially mental healthcare systems. Her account of what its like to deal with ... [Read More...]...»

# The Mysteries of Love

RxISK has had twenty-two stories and features on sex and drugs over the last two years - more than on any other topic. While we have a Sex Zone on the RxISK front page because we -thought the topic might ... [Read More...]...»

#### Sex Zone Posts

Sex Zone The posts on RxISK fall under three headings - Sex and Drugs, PSSD and Pink Viagra. Sex and Drugs Asexuality: A Curious Parallel Addicted to sex: Venus in lycra The sexual heatmap Could your meds affect your sex ... [Read More...]...»

#### Massacre of Innocence

Paradise Lost Any post about pregnancy pulls in more than the average amount of complexity. We had a series of posts on the risks of antidepressants in pregnancy at the end of last year The Dark is for Mushrooms, not ... [Read More...]...»

#### Massacre of the Innocents

This post is by Adam Urato. There are other Adam Urato posts on RxISK about the use of antidepressants in pregnancy and by women of child-bearing years. This post appeared first on Mad in America... [Read More...]...»

# Better to Die RxISKing It 2

This post continues from Better to Die RxISKing It. This plea for a Peoples' Movement with those suffering adverse effects on drugs reporting them was the substance of a talk given a month ago to the International Society ... [Read More...]...»

# From David's blog...



War on Civilization: What Would Happen if Patients Radicalize?

The Events in Paris have led to a brief interruption to the Persecution Series although this post could have been termed Brand Fascism II. The day after the Charlie Hebdo shootings in Paris, Nicholas Sarkozy stood on

the steps of the Elysee Palace and said "This [the shootings] [...]...»

#### Persecution: Brand Fascism

Faced with questions about the \$3 Billion fine imposed on GSK - Is it just the cost of doing business? Andrew Witty, GSK's CEO, 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." [...]...»

### Crusoe, We Say, Was Rescued

The woman walked in, glancing at her hands as she came. Crusoe already knew what she would say. In days gone by peripheral neuropathies were rare. You saw one a year, perhaps in older people - more often women than men. The books talked of stocking and glove problems - the person with a burning or other odd sensation in their hands or feet. The books linked the problems to alcohol which was odd as it seemed to happen more in women than men. [...]...»

# **Castel Gandolfo**

It was a time when Crusoe managed to be in Europe in Septembers. In 1957, interested in the fuss surrounding the new tranquilizers, she dropped in to a World Congress

of Psychiatry Meeting being held that year in Zurich. There was an extraordinary buzz - the excitement surrounding the discovery of chlorpromazine was growing not fading. IKt really did seem like a cure for schizophrenia or the harbinger of a cure that would arrive any day now. [...]...»



