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

RxISK has several new resources under the Tools menu:


- [Complex Withdrawal](#) opens up a forum for the many puzzling difficulties that can arise in withdrawal.
- [Post-SSRI Sexual Dysfunction \(PSSD\)](#) provides information on this mysterious problem that has many features of tardive dyskinesia in that it often arises only after the drug has left the body.
- [Search by Side Effects](#) allows you to enter a problem such as *parosmia* (strange smells) and see which drugs are linked to it.

We hope these new resources will enable researchers to break new ground, whether you are a member of the medical or scientific community or simply motivated to find answers because of personal experience.

If you do come up with ideas or answers, please think of RxISK as a place to feature your insights.

Thank you for your support.

Your feedback, as always, is greatly appreciated.



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RxISK stories

[Life Unarmed](#)

Matthew Purinton has been a patient all his life - but if that word suggests to you a passive person awaiting rescue, think again. As a child born with a rare and seemingly overwhelming set of disabilities, he and his parents signed up for some of the most radical interventions [...].»



[It's Alright Ma, I'm only Punding: Stimulants and Compulsions](#)

This post touches on the problems of compulsive gambling and other compulsive behaviors that are linked to Abilify, SSRIs and Dopamine Agonists and also to Dopamine Agonist Withdrawal Syndrome (DAWS). It was Lester Grinspoon's 1975 book *The Speed Culture* that introduced me to the concept of "punding": a drug-induced compulsion for repetitive, [...].»

[United States of Adderall](#)

Dr. Larry Diller is a pediatrician who specializes in children's behavioral problems, especially Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). He's by no means anti-medication; he has prescribed stimulants to kids for decades. But twenty years ago he was already concerned [...].»

[Flox-Tox; Guerilla Guide](#)

Twenty-five years ago, Diane Fried took Floxin, a fluoroquinolone antibiotic and a predecessor of Levaquin and Cipro, and was severely damaged as a consequence, leading her husband to write *Bitter Pills*. Three years ago we featured two posts on fluoroquinolone antibiotic problems under the heading of Flox-Tox. We have also featured posts on [...].»

[This Present Madness](#)

This Present Madness was published in November. During the rehearsal of an all-star high school band near Dallas, Texas, a gunman enters the practice hall and starts firing with a semi-automatic shotgun. His attack is deadly. It is the worst mass shooting in US history. The blame for it, as usual, is attributed to the

[...].>>

[The Devil Doesn't Have All The Best Tunes](#)

This weeks Observer Review contains an interview (below) with Mikey Argy (above) to link up with the release of *Attacking the Devil*, a movie about the thalidomide story. The photo of Mikey here doesn't show what the photo in the print edition shows. Almost two years ago RxISK featured the thalidomiders behind this movie in *From [...].>>*



From David's blog...

[Pharmaceutical Rape: Ending our Tolerance](#)

This is the final part of Laurie Oakley's series on Pharmaceutical Rape. All six parts and extra text are available here as a PDF Download. Pharmaceutical violence is a social issue as well as medical problem that demands a social response and [...].>>

[Pharmaceutical Rape: Discrimination](#)

Pharmaceutical violence is a social injustice that can intersect with every other type of oppression and form of discrimination. Dehumanizing in its own right, pharmaceutical rape (and the cultural/medical denial of it) compounds the distress already experienced by persons in socially [...].>>

[Pharmaceutical Rape: Doctors still know best](#)

Many who experience life-altering, adverse outcomes after taking their medicines as prescribed do not receive acknowledgment of what they have experienced, let alone the medical care they need. Medical systems do not recognize many treatment related outcomes and patients are therefore denied [...].>>

[Pharmaceutical Rape: The Good Patient](#)

In our society We learn a social script in which a "good patient" obeys the orders of doctors as authority figures. The ideal patient is a passive patient, subordinate to the physician. We are expected to relate to doctors as experts whose judgment we [...].>>

[Pharmaceutical Rape: Cast of Characters](#)

When it comes to pharmaceutical rape, it is no simple task to determine just who the "rapists" are (or to determine the safety or lack of safety of the treatments that they promote), but we are certain that the behavior exists, and that [...].>>



Could it be my meds?

Free resources to help you assess the connection between a drug and a side effect.

