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

If you suspect you are suffering from a drug side effect, the 10 minutes you spend creating a personalized [RxISK Report](#) could save your life.

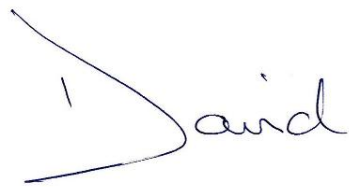
We have just relaunched this tool with several improvements designed to streamline the process and remove the requirement to create a profile. No personally identifiable information is required - other than your email address so that we can send you a printable PDF you can take to your doctor.

The report provides you with a RxISK Score indicating how likely it is that your problem is caused by a prescription drug. It can also help identify problems caused by stopping a drug - for example, withdrawal side effects.

If something is going wrong with your treatment or that of a loved one, bringing a [RxISK Report](#) to your doctor as early as possible may be the difference between successful treatment and long-term disability or death.

Thank you for your support.

Your feedback, as always, is greatly appreciated.



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RxISK stories

Kidnapped: In England

The post below is by Simon Hattenstone and appeared in the Guardian on April 2nd. It fits into the Kidnapped sequence and allows us to draw attention to the #JusticeforLB campaign (Laughing Boy). Once again the point is this could be you or me, could be cardiac or orthopedic or any branch of [...]...»



Kidnapped: Human Rights Should Never be Disabled

This post is by Franke James, Teresa's sister. The reaction in the US or UK is that things like this couldn't happen here. Part of the reason no one can believe that treatment is being forced on people who don't need it is that many of us have the experience of not being [...]...»

Kidnapped: Arthur Hippe

This post by Lois Sampson, an Elders' Rights Advocate with the Seniors At Risk Coalition, is the first of several on this theme. The message for readers who think that neither they nor their relatives have been or are likely to be in the position that Arthur Hippe was in is that [...]...»

Medication and Withdrawal

The RxISK website has been undergoing major renovation. There is still a great deal of work going on behind the scenes to look at new ideas and better ways to make available the best tools and information about prescription drug side effects. The old site had a Symptoms on Stopping Zone - a Withdrawal Zone. [...]...»



From David's blog...

[Restoring Study 329: Correspondence with BMJ Jul 15 to Jan 16](#)

The letter from the Study 329 team to BMJ re Dr Loder featured in 50 Shades of Gray and in Conflicts of Interest. The letter and related correspondence are on [Study329.org](#). The emails below tell you what happened next. [...].»

[The Archers: Rob and Helen](#)

There is no-one I know who admits to listening to The Archers. But everyone in Britain knows of it - the longest running British radio soap. It begins with a horrible theme tune that has me hitting off instantly. But all changed in the last week or two. The Archers is now featuring [...].»

[Study 329: Response to Keller & Colleagues](#)

This post offers our response to the Keller letter. It was published in BMJ in early February. Again all material is available on [Study329.org](#). The response does not make much of the fact that not all of the AIs in Keller et al have lined up to sign their letter. One of the [...].»

[Study 329: Nobody Pinned Anything on Us](#)

Following the publication of Study 329 Restored, Martin Keller and his co-authors gave an initial response in which they said Nobody Pinned Anything on Us and also that they would respond in more detail later. It took four months for this response to appear. Our Response will follow in the next post and [...].»

[Study 329: Republic to Empire](#)

This post is from Sally MacGregor. In depositions and lectures I commonly state that I have had more support and information from colleagues working for industry than from clinical colleagues. I loved the analysis of the derailment of medicine and research through the comparison between a Republican and Empire structure, and the take-over [...].»



Could it be my meds?

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

