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

The posts on [RxISK.org](http://RxISK.org) in recent weeks have featured the theme of medical kidnap. This is at the centre of the RxISK message - the idea that doctors and other healthcare staff often are unaware of how the treatments they give may be causing the problems they then try to treat. The central RxISK mission is to try and work out how to help people escape this bind. The key to doing this is to understand what happens when doctors try and help, and things begin to go wrong.

On [David Healy.org](http://DavidHealy.org) the posts return to [Study 329](#) and bring out once again how the misreporting of studies like this set up the conditions that make medical kidnapping possible. Doctors genuinely believe drugs work well and are free of side effects on the basis of ghostwritten articles whose data is hidden from everyone including the regulators.

Thank you for your support.

Your feedback, as always, is greatly appreciated.

David

David Healy, MD

## RxISK stories

### [Medical Kidnap: Withdrawal & Non-Compliance](#)

This post is by Wendy Murray. It comes from a chapter in her new book that deals with the problems many of us have with prescribers of all kinds for medications of all kinds when we question their judgment. Their attitudes can kidnap us just as much as a detention can. I had reached [...]...»



### [A Kidnapped Daughter 2](#)

Put on mirtazepine my daughter deteriorated rapidly. The crisis intervention team descended. They started by counting pills. When they found the number correct, they assumed I had destroyed the pills. They seemed perplexed. One of the team would take her out for some one-to-one. They would visit the local [...]...»

### [A Kidnapped Daughter](#)

This is the first of a two-part post by a father and daughter who want to remain anonymous for fear of reprisals - a very real and realistic fear. This is about how my daughter was "led away" (the literal meaning of abduction), in a cruel and calculated act undertaken by people to whom [...]...»

**From David's blog...**



### [Club 329: Part 3](#)

This post by Leonie Fennel carries on from parts 1 and 2 in this series: I dreamt I met my son Shane last night - in a jewelry shop, of all places. I was admiring the beautiful costume jewelry, when I overturned the dainty display and went [...]...»

### [Club 329: Part 2](#)

Following last week's post, Club 329: Part 1, Ben Goldacre went into orbit claiming his views on medicalization and Study 329 had been misrepresented. He offered a SoundCloud as evidence. The link can be found in the comments after the last post. Seems to me Leonie got the content of the Q&A right. [...]...»

### [Club 329: Part 1](#)

This post is by Leonie Fennel. It's one of two involving Leonie. Last week, Dr Ben Goldacre gave a public lecture in the Royal College of Surgeons in Dublin (organised by the 3U Partnership and the very lovely Dr Ruth Davis). Dr Goldacre is a doctor, academic, campaigner and writer; he is also [...]...»

### [The Pill That Steals Lives](#)

Katinka Blackford Newman talks about her new book: Its now nearly three years ago since I woke up and found myself in a mental hospital in North West London. I looked down and saw wealds on my arms where I had torn my skin apart. There was a mirror in the tiny room where I'd [...]...»



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