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Greetings!

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

I thought some of you might be interested in a lecture by Dr. Dee Mangin (a RxISK founder) on How Good Medicine Can Be Bad for Your Health (and How to Avoid It) on [YouTube](#).

We've added a new page to RxISK on [antidepressant side effects](#). This brings together some of our existing information into one straightforward guide. If you like it, please share it. If you don't like it, please share it anyway! If it proves to be popular, we'll hopefully create one for antipsychotics as well.

Thank you for your support.

Your feedback, as always, is greatly appreciated.

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RxISK stories

[Sarah's Tourette Syndrome Story](#)

This post by DG follows up on last week's Robbie's Tourette Syndrome Story and continues a series begun a year ago looking at the effects of aripiprazole on Tourette Syndrome Abilify, Tourette Syndrome and Me. As mentioned last week, the key point is not just drug induced adverse effects but the ability of [...]...»



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[Olanzapine: Still Treading Water](#)

Ages back, Sally MacGregor wrote this piece to follow up to her Olanzapine experience - Olanzapine Withdrawal: Sally's Story. The original piece has routinely been among the top ten RxISK blog posts visited. This update slipped between the cracks. But here it is. Time for a progress report. I was in feisty mode [...]...»

Kidnapped: Natalie's Story 2

This is part 2 of Natalie's story written by her mother Kristina. The photo shows Natalie aged 18 at her graduation. Abductor number three: 2010 Natalie's tardive dysphoria remained undiagnosed, and the counselor recommended that Natalie see her colleague, a psychiatrist. The counselor's records reflected Natalie's fears about taking drugs. Natalie shared, "I'm [...]...»

Kidnapped: Natalie's Story

Natalie's story parts 1 and 2 are by her mother Kristina. Natalie, celebrating her tenth birthday in 2003, shortly after being prescribed Prozac. Her left eye was starting to show signs of amblyopia, more commonly called "lazy eye." This adverse drug reaction worsened and was one of many Natalie suffered from unnecessary prescribing. We [...]...»

How Common is Post-SSRI Sexual Dysfunction (PSSD)?

The level of risk of developing Post-SSRI Sexual Dysfunction (PSSD) from using an SSRI or SNRI antidepressant is currently unknown. Patients are never warned about persisting sexual side effects when these drugs are prescribed. Calls for informed consent are often met with the response that PSSD appears to be quite rare. Given the huge number of antidepressants [...]...»



From David's blog...

[Go Figure: Sally's Problem with Whinging about Medicines](#)

Two weeks ago in response to the last post in the Study 329 series, Sally MacGregor added the comment - that features as a post below. It's spot on. The problem is how to avoid being marginalized, becoming part of a 1%. How to capture the attention

of the 99% for whom the meds work [...]...»

Why Do People Sing?

In 1989, BBC ran a program Under African Skies covering the music of the continent. The program and music from it captured on Cassette and later Record became widely known. On Side 2 of 4 sides of cassette, there is a brief snippet of 4 children at St Joseph's Music School in Harare answering their [...]...»

Club 329: Part 4

This post perhaps should be called: There's Something about Leonie. The image above is of a Rapid Response she submitted to a BMJ editorial by Richard Smith and Fiona Godlee that BMJ published and unpublished and republished and re-unpublished. The full story is here. It again hinges around Study 329. The full transcript [...]...»

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