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Greetings!

I wanted to share with you some recent improvements to the [RxISK website](#):

- Consolidated drug information - Added patient experiences from RxISK reports (where they have consented to share these), relevant RxISK guides, as well as blog posts, to consolidate this unique information about a drug all in one place.
- [Drug search](#) - Added ability to search not only by drug but also by route of administration. Simplified presentation of available generic and brand names, routes of administration, dosages, and prescribable names.
- Reported side effects - Now using latest openFDA data for reported side effects and displaying "top 100" side effects.
- Product data sheets - Added links to 50,000 FDA-approved labeling by packager and brand.

We will continue to improve the material available for each drug over the coming months and add additional filters, such as sex, age, and PRR.

Check out the [Paroxetine page](#) to see some of these improvements.

Thank you for your support.

Your feedback, as always, is greatly appreciated.



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PS. You can find me on Twitter [@DrDavidHealy](#). And you can also follow RxISK on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

## RxISK stories

### [The Sheriff of Nottingham](#)

On Friday March 31st, British airwaves were full of news about a significant change in Britain's National Health Service. Bleeding Obvious? After its 8 AM news headlines, Radio 4's flagship news program, Today, featured the boss of the National Health Service, Simon Stevens, explaining how the new system would be better even though long-established targets [...].»



### [The Pills That Steal Sex](#)

This post is the original piece written by Katinka Newman, author of The Pill That Steals Lives: One Woman's Terrifying Journey to Discover the Truth about Antidepressants, by Katinka Blackford Newman (John Blake £8.99), [thepillthatsteals.com](#). A slimmed down version appeared in the Daily Mail. Its unusual for a day to go past when I don't utter [...].»

### [You'll Come a Taltzing Matilda with Me](#)

This post links to Are you Aware that Siliq causes Suicide and Otezla: Birth Defects and Suicide. Pharma companies have a great deal of skin in the dermatology game at the moment - perhaps more than in any other area of medicine. Taltz, aka ixekizumab, is yet another new drug for psoriasis. Others [...].»

### [Otezla: Birth Defects and Suicide](#)

We've been here before - a woman in come hither mode or able to plunge into come hither mode at a moment's notice without the worry of being compromised by a minor skin blemish just below her hairline. See Stacy London and Welcome to Troy. AbbVie pioneered advertising like this for Humira, a hugely costly [...]...»

### Are You Aware Siliq Can Cause Suicide?

There are a host of new drugs coming to market for respiratory and skin problems. These include Brodalumab, aka Siliq, Apremilast, aka Otezla, and Daliresp. Prepare to hear a lot more about Phosphodiesterase antagonists and drugs acting on Interleukin 17 or 23. These drugs can cause suicide. The companies have made strenuous efforts to hide [...]...»

### Illnesses Worse than Side Effects?

This extraordinary image is from an advert for Clozapine. Mental illness can unquestionably bring distress - it can be haunting, dislocating and deeply disturbing. But the side effects are often more severe. Drugs like Clozapine are used by the military for torture purposes. Healthy volunteers commit suicide after a few days exposure to them. Treatment [...]...»

### Come Back When You Have a Medical Degree

Who among us has not heard that at least once during a doctor's appointment? Say you report a problem with the prescription drug the doctor put you on. Or, perhaps, that the drug is just not working. Maybe you even give him a RxISK Report, created on this website, or an article [...]...»

### The Early History of PSSD

When did it begin? Post-SSRI Sexual Dysfunction (PSSD) officially made its debut in the peer-reviewed medical literature in 2006. Case reports were published that identified treatment-emergent sexual dysfunction that persisted after the antidepressant was stopped. The condition was given a name and its features were defined. This new literature also noted the significance of a [...]...»



## From David's blog...

### Where Does Change Come From?

By the Rivers of Babylon Societies keep order. They have to. For millennia, religion has been key to achieving this. Religions may aspire to make men free and able to live a full life but they also embody a set of rules designed to keep

chaos at bay. A Superego whose mission is to keep [...]...»

### Burn Baby Burn

This is the third part of a talk giving to the BNPA on February 22. It follows on from Tweeting While Psychiatry Burns and Tweeting While Medicine Burns. The final group of slides are [HERE](#). The talk you have just heard was first given in Toronto on Thursday November 30 2000 to mark [...]...»

### Tweeting while Medicine Burns

This is part 2 of a 3 part lecture given on February 22 that began with Tweeting while Psychiatry Burns. The text and slides continue from last week. The slides for this part are [Here](#). The numbering continues from last week. When his office was ransacked, Delay's world was turned upside down but [...]...»

### Tweeting While Psychiatry Burns

This is part 1 of a lecture given at a British Neuropsychiatric Association meeting in London on February 22 under the heading of Psychopharmacology: 1952 - 2017. The lecture will feature here in 3 posts of which this is the first. Slides 1 -11 can be found [HERE](#). The Birth This picture [...]...»

### Mickey Nardo: Tangled up in Life

Mickey Nardo died yesterday. I got to visit with him and his wife Sharon on the phone a short while before he got involved with Jo Le Noury, Jon Jureidini, Melissa Raven, Catalin Tufanaru, Elia Abi-Jaoude and me Restoring Study 329 in 2013. It was one of those moments - I can still remember exactly [...]...»

### Generalists and Partialists

An issue that crops up in comments on both this and the RxISK blog is the question of whether treatment would be safer if given by specialists (partialists) rather than general practitioners (generalists). We wouldn't have the problems with antidepressants

and antipsychotics for instance many people seem to think if prescribing was done by psychiatrists [...].»

### Venomagnosia

I was asked to review Peter Kramer's *Ordinarily Well: The Case for Antidepressants* for ISIS. The in print review is [HERE](#). There is a sister post on RxISK - with a better cartoon and where the word Venomagnosia is explained - [Come Back When you Have a Medical Degree](#). This [...].»

### Surrender

There has been a big delay between posts. This has been primarily about trying to find an image or images for this post - unsuccessfully so far. The trigger to the post came from a piece on *Surrendered Wives*. The BBC website had the attached piece - strangely as part of their 100 Women series. [...].»

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## Could it be my meds?

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

