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All prescription drugs have benefits and side effects.

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ANTI-ANXIETY MEDS

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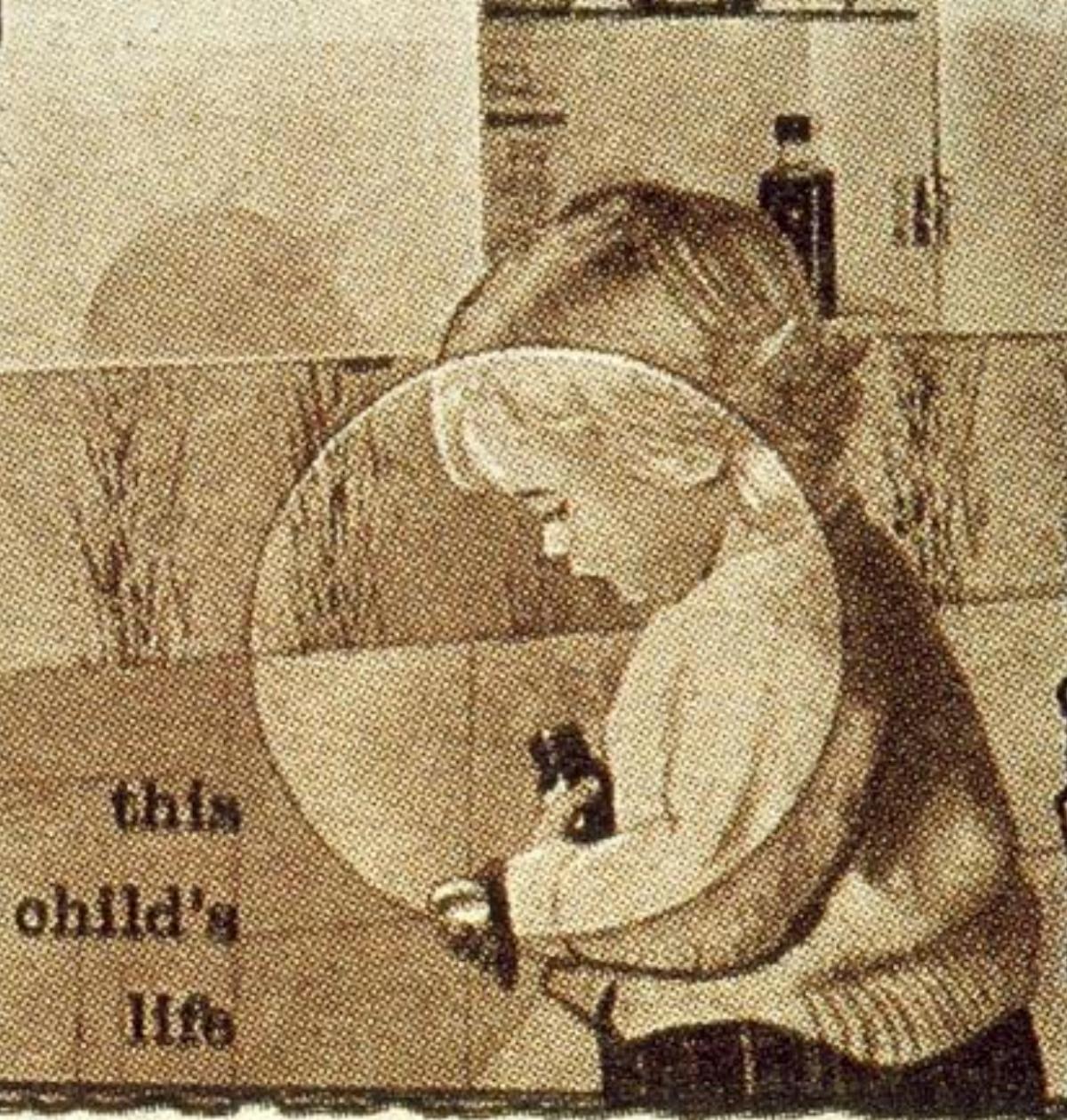


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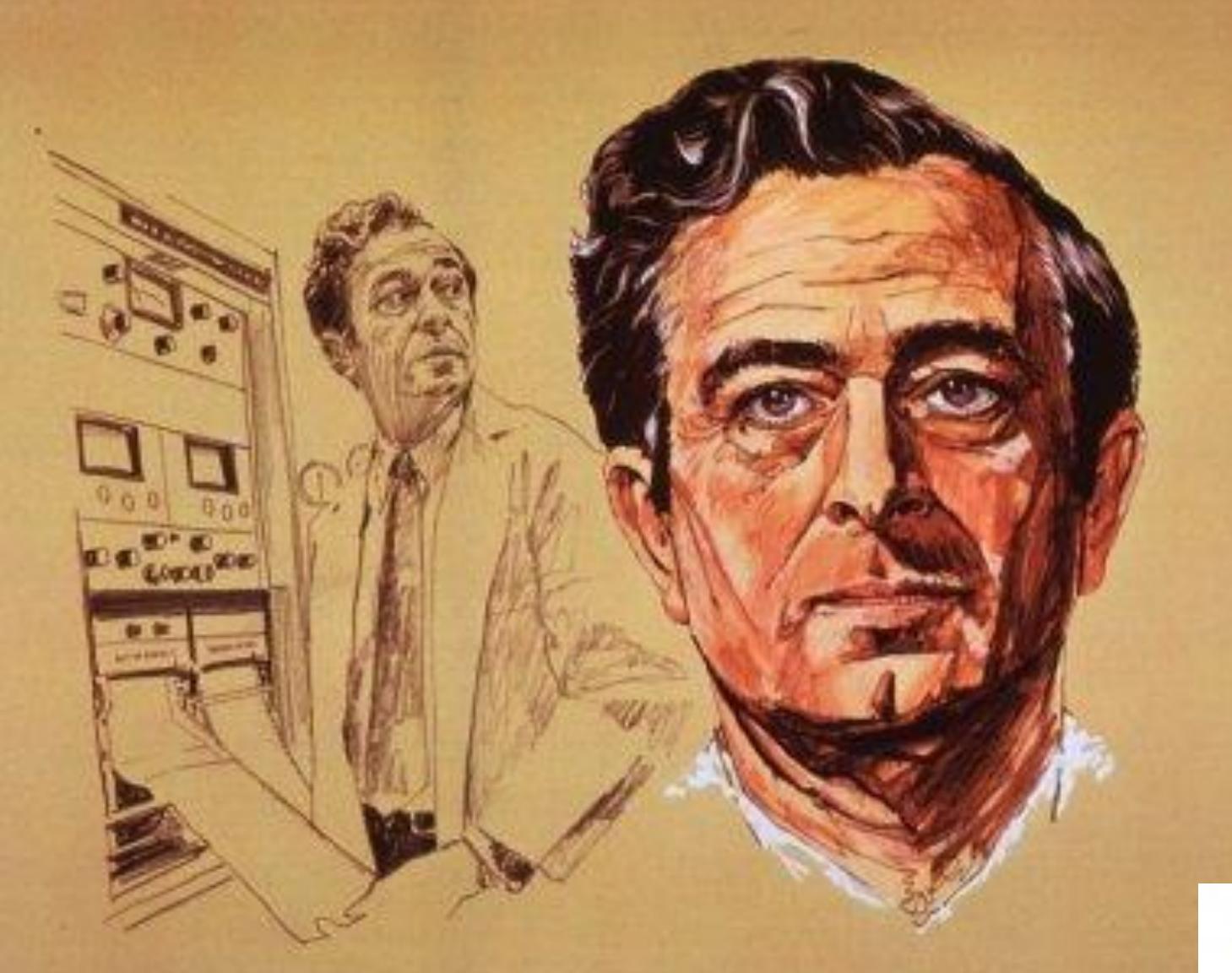




this
child's
life

may depend on the
safety of 'Distaval'

Thalidomide Randomized Controlled Trials Efficacy & Safety



Louis
Lasagna

Dancing with Pythons



Modern version of Hippocratic Oath

A widely used modern version of the traditional oath was penned in 1964 by Dr. Louis Lasagna, former Principal of the Sackler School of Graduate Biomedical Sciences and Academic Dean of the School of Medicine at Tufts University.

I swear to fulfil, to the best of my ability and judgment, this covenant:

I will respect the hard-won scientific gains of those physicians in whose steps I walk, and gladly share such knowledge as is mine with those who are to follow.

I will apply, for the benefit of the sick, all measures [that] are required, avoiding those twin traps of overtreatment and therapeutic nihilism.

I will remember that there is art to medicine as well as science, and that warmth, sympathy, and understanding may outweigh the surgeon's knife or the chemist's drug.

I will not be ashamed to say "I know not", nor will I fail to call in my colleagues when the skills of another are needed for a patient's recovery.

I will respect the privacy of my patients, for their problems are not disclosed to me that the world may know. Most especially must I tread with care in matters of life and death. If it is given to me to save a life, all thanks. But it may also be within my power to take a life; this awesome responsibility must be faced with great humbleness and awareness of my own frailty. Above all, I must not play at God.

I will remember that I do not treat a fever chart, a cancerous growth, but a sick human being, whose illness may affect the person's family and economic stability. My responsibility includes these related problems, if I am to care adequately for the sick.

I will prevent disease whenever I can, for prevention is preferable to cure.

I will remember that I remain a member of society with special obligations to all my fellow human beings, those sound of mind and body as well as the infirm.

If I do not violate this oath, may I enjoy life and art, be respected while I live and remembered with affection thereafter. May I always act so as to preserve the finest traditions of my calling and may I long experience the joy of healing those who seek my help.



DANCE with PYTHONS



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**Regulators &
Companies
Say**

**Thalidomide
Prevents
Spontaneous
Miscarriages**

**Doesn't
Cause
Phocomelia**



Matt Miller
13

Zoloft
7 days



Matt Miller
13

Zoloft

**Auto Erotic
Asphyxiation**

May 31 2001 American Woman to GSK

My name is.... I was diagnosed with panic disorder 4 years ago. Since then I've been taking Paxil, which is truly a miracle drug. I've been panic-free and able to go on with a normal life.

I was married in October 2000. My husband and I found we were pregnant at Christmas. I was so excited. I love children. I carried the baby to six months and then had to have a termination.

The doctors diagnosed my son with Truncus Arteriosis. They said he would not lead a normal childhood and would most likely not make it through the open heart surgery that he would need as soon as he was delivered (if he was able to make it to that time.)

I was absolutely distraught. I thought this was something that I did, was because I stayed on the Paxil for selfish reasons.

May 31 2001 Continued

I want to know if you could direct me to any information you have of any woman that has taken Paxil and still had healthy babies.

My husband and I are ready to get pregnant in the next month or two. I am so nervous. I don't want to stop taking my miracle pill. But, if there is a chance this might hurt or affect the baby I want to know upfront. And I will somehow stop taking it for the time being.

Please contact me as soon as possible. I love everything this drug has done for me. I am so thankful that your company had this available for me. I just want to continue to have a normal life and have the child that I always wanted.

Please don't forget about me,

Thursday May 31st GSK to AW

We are attaching a copy of our product information for Paxil.

Further questions about your treatment should be directed to the physician, pharmacist or healthcare provider who has the most complete information about your medical condition.

Because patient care is individualized, we encourage patients to direct questions about treatment to their physician... because your physician knows your condition he is best suited to answer your questions.

Our drug information department is available to answer any questions your physician may have

Friday, June 1, 2001,

This is in regards to an e-mail I sent you ... asking if you have any clinical trials for women who are on Paxil and pregnant. I wanted to find out how many women were on Paxil during pregnancy - if they were able to have healthy babies.

I am in no way insinuating your product did this to my child. I love the product, and I don't think I could have gotten through my panic attacks without the wonderful help of this miracle drug. I just want to try and get pregnant again soon. I do not want to put my unborn child through anything that would hurt him/her.

Please, if you do not have this information, where is this information held? Does anyone do studies like this? Any information you may give me would be great.

Thanks again for your help.

GSK has Many Phone Numbers.

A Medical Information No – rarely listed.

DTC Ads No - But don't connect to GSK.

Journal Ads No - But don't reach GSK directly.

DTC Ads offer medical information through a call center –
but this is not a medical information center,
nor the GSK Customer Response Center call center.

Paxil CR's toll free no. now reaches Neovo Plus - a different Co.
Paxil's DTC numbers just ring.

If AW left a voice message, it is almost certain that no one
called her back as she had not reached GSK.
Hence her email pleas for a response?

Companies now refer you to FDA's Medwatch & "Talk to your Doctor".

Companies have to follow up on adverse event reports.
Communication from patients could change their warnings.

Medwatch does not follow up on adverse events.
Reports to Medwatch makes action on adverse events less likely

Diverting reports to the regulator saves money, reduces legal liability and relegates them to the status of anecdotes

"Because patient care is individualized, we encourage patients to direct questions about their treatment to their physician."

"Talk to your doctor" instead of call our Medical Information Center stops reporting of adverse events to the company.



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Redacted

Dear Ms. Redacted

This is to acknowledge your e-mail to GlaxoSmithKline in which you reported that you were treated with Paxil® while pregnant. The pregnancy had to be terminated because the fetus developed Truncus arteriosis. We responded to your initial e-mail on June 6, 2001. This information has been forwarded to me.

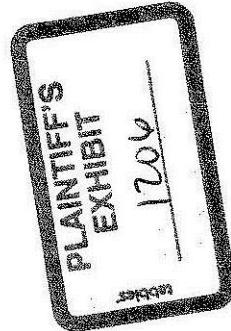
In order to follow-up on your report, it is necessary that we have the details of your clinical course as it relates to your report. To obtain this, we need the name and address of your OB/GYN. For your convenience, I have enclosed an authorization form for you to sign and return to me.

We appreciate your cooperation. In the reply, please refer to our files numbered: 2001014040-1 and 2001014040-2, and use my mail code, UP-3410, in the mailing address.

Sincerely,

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LOC_CAUSALTY	2	30-Apr-08 N		30-Apr-08	OCEANS_ADMIN	Unlikely	Unlikely
LOC_CAUSALTY	3	30-Apr-08 N		30-Apr-08	OCEANS_ADMIN	Possible	Possible
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IN	Unrelated	Unrelated
IN	Unlikely	Unlikely
IN	Possible	Possible
IN	Probable	Probable
IN	Almost certain	Almost certain
IN	No	No
IN	Unknown	Unknown
IN	Not Assessable	Not Assessable



A portrait photograph of a woman with shoulder-length brown hair, looking directly at the camera with a neutral expression. She is wearing a purple and black patterned jacket over a light-colored top. The background is a solid teal color.

Jane Niemann

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Liver disorder (153 reported)

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Side effects: Liver disorder (153)



Based on 153 reports where Paroxetine was the suspect drug associated with Liver disorder, of which 54 do not specify



Thalidomide

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Trials

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THALIDOMIDE—A NEW NONBARBITURATE SLEEP-INDUCING DRUG

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THALIDOMIDE* is the generic name for N-phthalyl-glutamic acid imide, a compound which has been employed in Europe for several years as a sedative-hypnotic. It is chemically related to glutethimide (Doriden), another sedative-hypnotic, and to bemegride (Megimide), a convulsant analeptic.



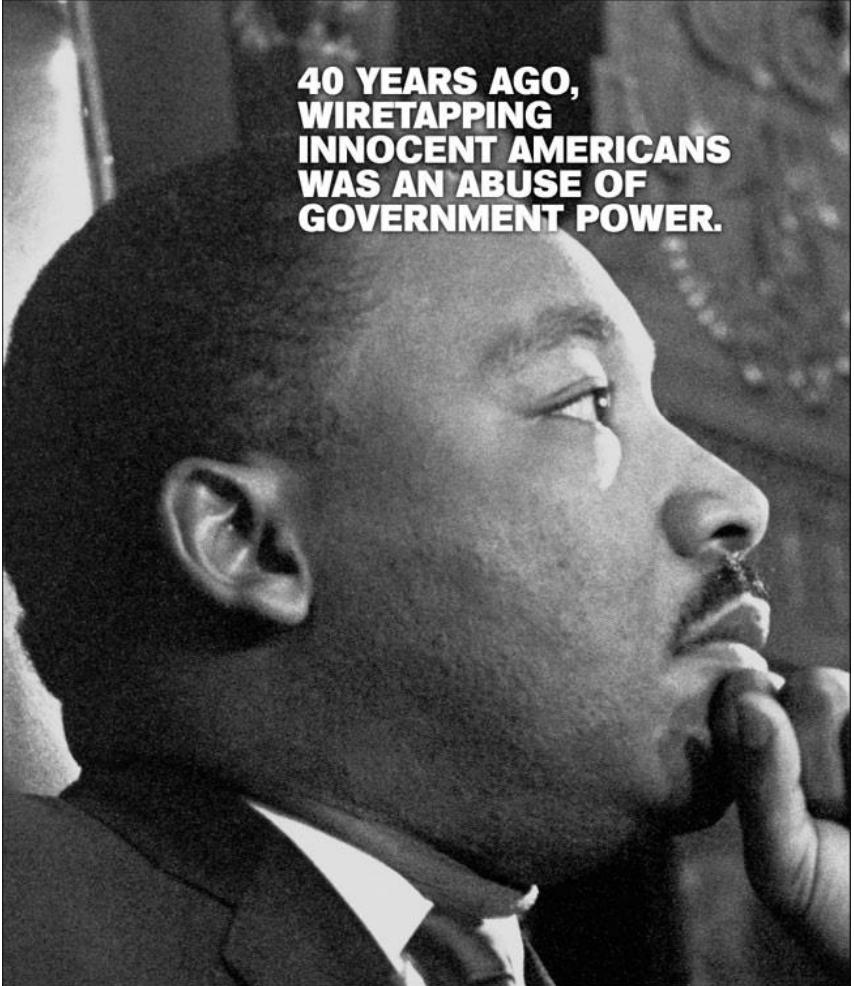
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Breaking

56

Bad

Methidrine
Dexedrine
Ropinirole



**40 YEARS AGO,
WIRETAPPING
INNOCENT AMERICANS
WAS AN ABUSE OF
GOVERNMENT POWER.**



IT STILL IS.

At the time Martin Luther King Jr. was championing the rights of all Americans, the government was violating his rights by secretly wiretapping him in the name of national security. The sorry history of the surveillance and wiretapping of dissenters—of those seen as “enemies” of the President—led to a law that specifically requires the President to seek court approval for wiretaps of Americans, even for national security investigations. George Bush believes that he is not bound by this law. An American can be under illegal surveillance by the Bush administration without any judicial check on that power. That's not the America in Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream.

Call the White House (202-456-1414) and tell the administration to stop the illegal spying on Americans.



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APA Responds to FDA's New Warning on Antidepressants

"The American Psychiatric Association believes that antidepressants save lives."

biggest threat to a depressed child's well-being is to receive no care at all.

We restate our continued deep concern that a "black box" warning on antidepressants may have a chilling effect on appropriate prescribing for patients. This would put seriously ill patients at grave risk. Recent prescription data suggest the current controversy over antidepressants has already lowered treatment rates; the new black box warning may further negatively impact treatment rates. The APA is working to help mitigate such an impact by collaborating with non-psychiatric physicians – including pediatricians and general practitioners – to help them better understand their patients' needs and properly diagnose, treat and monitor patients. Additionally, we hope the FDA will set in place a system to track the impact of the black box warning on prescribing patterns. This system should also track any increase in actions by patients to harm themselves as a result of reduced access to medically necessary treatment with antidepressants.

AKATHISIA

Increased tenseness, restlessness, insomnia and a feeling of being very uncomfortable

Achor et al, 1955

“On the first day of treatment he reacted with marked anxiety and weeping and the second day felt so terrible with such marked panic at night that the medication was cancelled”

Sarwer-Foner and Ogle, 1955

“The first few doses frequently made them anxious and apprehensive. They reported increased feelings of strangeness, verbalised by statements such as “I don’t feel myself” or “I’m afraid of some of the unusual impulses I have”.

Faucett et al, 1957

Irritability - Frenzy

PEANUTS



HA, HA!
GOOD ONE!
I GUESS,
THE JOKES
ON ME!





I HATE PROZAC!



Yeah! Sure! I feel great since I've been on Paxil! Liberated! Now, each time anyone gets on my nerves, I just grab them round the throat and throw them against a wall. I tell you, I've hardly had anyone giving me any hassle for weeks now!



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