

ADVERSE MEDICAL EVENTS--THE IGNORED BOMB

OCTOBER 31. Not long after I met Linda Marsa in 1992, she began to negotiate with the LA Times to do an extensive article for their Sunday magazine.

The article was to be about AZT, the AIDS drug. Linda was ready to blow the whistle on AZT, if she could satisfy herself that the horror stories she'd been hearing were correct.

That negotiation itself makes for an interesting story. The turns and twists, the nervous reactions of people over at the Times, and so on. The story was finally printed, and it was, for a major paper, a doozie.

A few years later, I lost track of Linda, and then, on January 8, 2001, I happened to buy a copy of the Times, probably to read the sports scores.

I came across a piece authored by her. It told, in a few key paragraphs, about a world of trouble. Adverse medical events. From med drugs.

"A 1998 University of Toronto study found that roughly 100,000 Americans die of adverse reactions each year, and 2.1 million more are hospitalized."

Get the "more?" That's 100,000 die and 2.1 MILLION MORE are hospitalized because of reactions to medical drugs.

Here is another quote from Linda's story: "The FDA received reports of more than 258,000 adverse drug reactions in 1999, nearly quadruple the 68,000 incidents reported a decade earlier."

As I've been writing for several years now, only a seriously addled moron believes that the REPORTED adverse drug reactions are the real description of what happens in America each year---because a whole lot of doctors refuse to accept the fact that their patients' problems can stem from the drugs they are taking. The drugs which those doctors are prescribing.

And sure enough, Linda offers, in her Times article, a quote from an associate professor of medicine at Harvard, Dr. David Bates, an author of a 2000 study on drug effects. The study found that "18 percent of patients complained of drug-related complications..." Linda writes.

Here is the quote from Dr. Bates himself: "People often have [drug-caused] symptoms for months, but they're either reluctant to let their doctor know or they weren't sure if they just felt lousy...But these numbers translate to 36 million adverse drug events per year."

You might want to read that last sentence again, or even use it as a mantra.

Linda dug out an explanation offered for this horrendous stat by the then-commissioner of the FDA, David Kessler.

Here's Kessler's quote from the Times article: "If an adverse event occurs in perhaps one in 5,000 or even one in 1,000 users, it could be missed in a clinical trial but pose a serious safety problem when released in the market," noted former FDA Commissioner David A Kessler in a 1993 JAMA article."

Let's go to the numbers. What Bates' Harvard study shows, Kessler, is that 1 in roughly 7 Americans experiences an adverse event from a medical drug or drugs each year. Not 1 in 1,000.

If you put together my piece here today with the one I posted on the 29th, I think you'll get a rather rounded picture of the pharmaceutical holocaust now underway.

FOOTNOTE: When you get a respected and veteran medical writer, a major paper like the LA Times, and institutions like Harvard and the U of Toronto all "combining" to reveal a devastating secret about the medical cartel, you KNOW that something truly horrendous has been going on within that cartel.

And so it is. Because, you see, Virginia, the Times article I've been referring to above, as chilling as it is, only begins to tell the real story. The Times article does not include stats on VACCINE damage at all, nor does it report deaths and maimings from surgeries. Nor does it really cover the whole waterfront on psychiatric drugs. Nor does it take into account hospital-acquired infections. So think about THAT.