



Doctors outraged as psychiatrist ‘funded by big pharma’ suggests antidepressants should be given over-the-counter

Description

Psychiatrist Dr. Roy Perlis is under fire for advocating the over-the-counter (OTC) sale of antidepressants in an article published by STAT news. Other medical professionals strongly opposed, highlighting potentially harmful side effects related to these drugs. The critics also targeted Perlis for failing to mention his financial connections with numerous companies producing these medicines in his article.

Harvard Professor Perlis had argued that the current need for mental health medications is enormous in the US, with an estimated 50 million people standing to benefit from easy access. He emphasized that selling antidepressants OTC could help those reluctant to seek medical help due to the social stigma around mental health. Critics, however, pointed out that these medications often come with risky side effects and accused Perlis of unprofessional behavior for not disclosing his financial interests. Moreover, other medical professionals, like Dr. James Davies, suggested that Perlis’s remarks indicate possible corruption in the medical industry.

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Vocabulary List:

1. **Advocating** // (verb): Publicly supporting or recommending a cause or policy.
2. **Opposed** // (verb): To be against or resist something.
3. **Highlighted** // (verb): To emphasize or draw attention to.
4. **Reluctant** // (adjective): Unwilling or hesitant.
5. **Stigma** // (noun): A mark of disgrace or shame.
6. **Corruption** // (noun): Dishonest or fraudulent conduct by those in power.

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. Which of the following is a neurodevelopmental disorder characterized by impaired social interaction and communication?
Option: Canine
Option: Autism
Option: Lethal
Option: Vaccine
2. Which imaging technique measures brain activity by detecting changes in blood flow?
Option: Fluctuations
Option: Sync
Option: fMRI
Option: Desync
3. Which organization provides information and recommendations to prevent the spread of diseases?
Option: Avert
Option: CDC
Option: Imply
Option: Shrinkage
4. Which term refers to dishonest or fraudulent conduct by those in power?
Option: Optimize
Option: Corruption
Option: Stigma
Option: Reluctant
5. Which virus led to the global pandemic in 2020?



- Option: Infection
- Option: Booster
- Option: COVID-19
- Option: Myocarditis

6. What term describes a mistaken belief or idea about something?

- Option: Advocating
- Option: Misconception
- Option: Opposed
- Option: Highlighted

7. Individuals who live to be 100 years old are known as:

- Option: Archipelago
- Option: Centenarians
- Option: Geriatrics
- Option: Canine

8. Which term means to occur at the same time or rate?

- Option: Desync
- Option: Cognitive
- Option: Sync
- Option: Optimize

9. Which word describes publicly supporting a particular cause or policy?

- Option: Stigma
- Option: Advocating
- Option: Reluctant
- Option: COVID-19

10. Which medical product is used to stimulate the immune system to provide immunity against specific diseases?

- Option: Vaccine
- Option: Doubting
- Option: Opposed
- Option: Highlight

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. Some people are strongly _____ to the new regulation.

12. She was _____ to accept the offer at first.



13. The timely action helped _____ a major disaster.
14. The company experienced significant _____ in its profit margin.
15. The report _____ the urgent need for policy changes.
16. The stock market is known for its constant _____.
17. Let's make sure our schedules _____ for tomorrow's meeting.
18. The audio and video were _____ during the live stream.
19. Regular exercise can help _____ function as we age.
20. The goal is to _____ our resources for maximum efficiency.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. The scientist studied the behavior of wolves and their domesticated relatives.
22. The development of this medical product helped eradicate diseases like smallpox.
23. The rare heart condition was observed in some individuals after receiving the COVID-19 vaccination.
24. She voiced her dissent and disagreement with the proposed changes.
25. The disease was associated with a social that hindered proper care and treatment.
26. The company aimed to its production process to reduce costs.
27. The global pandemic led to widespread disruptions in daily life.
28. The hospital specialized in providing care for elderly patients and those with age-related conditions.
29. His nature often led to thorough research before making decisions.
30. The group started for better access to healthcare in underserved communities.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Autism 2. fMRI 3. CDC 4. Corruption 5. COVID-19 6. Misconception 7. Centenarians 8. Sync



9. Advocating 10. vaccine

Gap-Fill: 11. Opposed 12. Reluctant 13. Avert 14. Shrinkage 15. Highlighted 16. Fluctuations 17. Sync
18. Desync 19. Cognitive 20. Optimize

Matching sentence: 1. Canine 2. Vaccine 3. Myocarditis 4. Opposed 5. Stigma 6. Optimize 7. COVID-19
8. Geriatrics 9. Doubting 10. Advocating

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