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Today we can be certain of only
one thing: The day will come
when people will look back at our
current medicines for
schizophrenia and the stories we
tell to patients about their
abnormal brain chemistry, and
they will shake their head in utter
disbelief.

Mad in America (2002)
by award winning medical/ science writer
Robert Whitaker

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The Truth About Mental Illness and Psychiatric Drugs

- *World Health Organization:*
"being in a developed country was a strong predictor of not attaining a complete remission."
- *American Journal of Psychiatry:*
"every chronic schizophrenic outpatient should have an adequate trial without drugs."
- *British Medical Journal:*
"There is no clear evidence that atypical antipsychotics are more effective or are better tolerated than conventional antipsychotics."
- *European Psychiatry:*
"responsibility and honesty suggest we accept that a large number of our therapeutic tools have yet to be proven effective in treating patients with schizophrenia."

Mental Health Myths Exposed

*(Empirical Correction of Seven
Myths About Schizophrenia with
Implications for Treatment)*

Myth: "Once a schizophrenic always a schizophrenic."

Evidence: Studies have consistently found that half to two thirds of patients significantly improved or recovered, including some cohorts of very chronic cases."

Myth: "Patients must be on medication all their lives."

Reality: There are no data existing which support this myth."

(Empirical Correction of Seven Myths About Schizophrenia with Implications for Treatment *ACTA Psychiatrica Scandinava*)

Psychiatric Drugs Destroy Lives

"The side effects are perceived as quite often worse than the illness itself. Even the most deluded person is often extraordinarily articulate and lucid on the subject of their medication . . . their senses are numbed, their willpower drained and their lives meaningless."

(A Critique of the Use of Neuroleptic Drugs," in *From Placebo to Panacea*, John Wiley and Sons, 1997)