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PsychRights Calls For "Dear Doctor" Letter from Eli Lilly Restricting Zyprexa Prescriptions to Current Users

Due to revelations in the New York Times last week resulting from documents provided to it by the Law Project for Psychiatric Rights (PsychRights'), today PsychRights called on Eli Lilly to restrict Zyprexa prescriptions to existing users. In his letter to Eli Lilly's General Counsel, PsychRights' President Jim Gottstein stated "It is now clear that Zyprexa has no benefits over other neuroleptics, while causing far more cases of diabetes than do other drugs in its class. This represents a massive health disaster, including at least thousands of past and inevitable future deaths." PsychRights requested Eli Lilly to issue what is known as a "Dear Doctor" letter to all health care professionals "advising them Zyprexa should not be prescribed to anyone who is not already taking it." The letter to Eli Lilly goes on to explain the reason why current users should be allowed to continue its use is because "Zyprexa, like all neuroleptics, cause changes in the brain such that abrupt withdrawal often causes Neuroleptic Induced Discontinuation Syndrome (NIDS)," which is psychosis caused by withdrawal from the drug.

When asked about Eli Lilly's lawyers' threats of criminal and civil contempt charges for bringing the suppressed Zyprexa documents to light, Mr. Gottstein replied, "That is not important right now. What is important is to stop the carnage caused by Zyprexa." Mr. Gottstein, did, however, note that he believes he obtained and distributed the documents completely legally.

More information about how the documents were obtained and Eli Lilly's and the federal court's response to it is available at <http://psychrights.org/States/Alaska/CaseXX.htm>.

The Law Project for Psychiatric Rights is a public interest law firm devoted to the defense of people facing the horrors of unwarranted forced psychiatric drugging and other forced psychiatric interventions. PsychRights is further dedicated to exposing the truth about psychiatric interventions and the courts being misled into ordering people subjected to these brain and body damaging drugs against their will. Extensive information about this is available on the PsychRights web site: <http://psychrights.org/>.

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