

Nurses Movement for Responsible Medicine
(NMRM)

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Many times we questioned why so many medicinal drugs, all of which had undergone years of laboratory tests, were harming patients.

Adverse drug reactions are now acknowledged to rank as one of the principal causes of death in the UK, USA and Europe. Cancer has almost doubled since 1950.

Is it not time for *all* medical and other healthcare practitioners to ask why?

The many medically prescribed drugs known to have harmed patients were safety tested on animals prior to clinical trials on human patients. The whole nation witnessed the harsh reality during 2006 when confronted with the results of the human drugs trials in which five young men were badly damaged by a drug that was tested for *five years* on monkeys prior to being administered to them. This could not be blamed on dosage; the monkeys on which it was tested were given 500 times the dose given to the young men.

It is a well-known fact that animals do not react in the same way to drugs and other substances as we do, due to differences in their absorption, distribution, metabolism, response to and elimination of drugs. Animal experimentation has resulted in immense human damage. This has affected people of all ages and continues to affect an unacceptably high percentage of patients.

"Freed from the error of vivisection, future researchers will be able to base medical research on a genuinely scientific foundation ...gradually restoring to medicine that scientific quality that is today usurped by vivisectionist error. "

Professor Pietro Croce, MD
Professor Emeritus of Pathology,
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Nurses Movement for Responsible Medicine (NMRM) opposes animal experimentation on medical and scientific grounds.

ANIMAL RESEARCH IS DANGEROUS TO OUR HEALTH.

FACT OR FICTION?

Fiction:

Medicines need to be tested on animals.

Fact:

No, they don't. Animal tests are done not to ensure the safety of new medicines, but rather to free the pharmaceutical companies and regulatory authorities from legal accountability when adverse drug reactions lead to death or disability.

Fiction:

Medicines are safe thanks to animal testing.

Fact:

Adverse drug reactions are the third leading cause of death in Europe and the United States, despite massive animal testing.

Fiction:

Using animals is the only way to test medicines.

Fact:

No, it isn't. In contrast to animal tests, human cell, tissue and organ cultures, clinical investigations and observations of patients, as well as computer models are of direct relevance to people.

Due to fundamental differences between species, animals react very differently from humans to medicines -with catastrophic consequences to our health. Increasing numbers of doctors and scientists agree it is time to abolish all animal experiments and engage in research methods of direct relevance to people.

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