

A History of Human Misery?

"I swear...so far as power and discernment shall be mine, I will carry out regimen for the benefit of the sick and will keep them from harm and wrong. To none will I give a *deadly drug* even if solicited..."

Hippocratic Oath
(excerpt, emphasis added)

Eli Lilly & Co. has a history of marketing and selling extremely harmful drugs to the public. It has done so since the turn of the century, and has had to withdraw several of its drugs from the market after extreme adverse reactions including deaths were reported.

Purveyor of Dangerous Drugs

- **HEROIN** – Heroin was marketed to the American people by Eli Lilly in their cough medicine in the early 1900's. Heroin is one of the most devastating of addictive drugs.

- **METHADONE** – Eli Lilly brought the drug methadone to America from the Nazi drug company, I.G. Farben. Methadone, which had been touted as a cure for heroin, actually is merely another addictive drug.

- **LSD** – Lilly was one of the main producers of LSD. In fact, the company assured it would produce the drug in "tonnage quantities" for the CIA. The CIA used LSD for mind-control experiments. LSD was found to have devastating effects on the mind and is now an illegal drug.

- **ORAFLEX** – This anti-arthritis Lilly drug was taken off the market in 1982, after more than 100 deaths had been linked to its use by federal investigators. Lilly was convicted on charges of withholding evidence of 10 deaths and illnesses while the FDA considered its safety.

- **DARVON** – Lilly introduced Darvon to the market in 1957, as a painkiller. In 1978, the Health Research Group wanted the drug to be banned due to its addictive character and suicide potential for users. Per a 1977 National Institute of Drug Abuse report, Darvon is linked to 1,100 deaths. Darvon is still on the market today.

- **DES** – Lilly produced and marketed this synthetic hormone for pregnant women for preventing miscarriages. It was found that DES caused cancer in babies. Some 650 suits were filed against Lilly that sought to recover damages on behalf of harmed children and grandchildren of women who had taken DES.

DES was ultimately banned by the FDA as a "miscarriage preventative."

- **NALFON** – Nalfon is a painkiller that Eli Lilly marketed in the 1980's, after which Lilly received over 100 reports of serious kidney adverse reactions, including three fatalities. Lilly executives have continued to market this drug to this day, despite written memos received from one of its own research scientists that the drug is dangerous.

- **PROZAC** – The most recent of Lilly's dangerous drugs, Prozac has been widely exposed in the news media as causing severe hostility and suicidal behavior. Lilly continues to market this drug despite over 14,000 adverse reaction reports sent to the FDA.

How much more human misery will occur before Eli Lilly & Co. is held accountable for the effects of its dangerous drugs?

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