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NEW DISEASES RESULT IN DEVELOPMENT OF 'PHONY' DRUGS

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A new drug surfaces for nearly every new “disorder” and “disease” that the medical community can conjure up. And, according to some researchers, the clinical value of these drugs are questionable.

With the development of a new disorder often comes a new drug, as new diagnoses creates a licensing opportunity for drug manufactures. “Officially, diagnostic decisions are made through scientific consensus by the World Health Organization and the American Psychiatric Association,” explained authors of a report recently published in the BMJ, former British Medical Journal. “Small committees of experts decide whether, for example, schizophrenia is one disease or several, and the process of good decision making should be transparent and based on good scientific evidence, Sometimes, the evidence is poor and influenced heavily by the pharmaceutical industry.”

The financial support of drug manufacturers has resulted in inadequate research procedures; and unqualified persons “ghost-writing” research articles, etc.

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