

Half Empty: The editor in chief of the world's best-known medical journal claims that half of all scientific literature is false

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Talking Points

“Dr. Richard Horton, the current editor in chief of The Lancet, one of the most well respected peer-reviewed medical journals in the world, published a statement in April declaring that a lot of published research is unreliable at best, if not completely false.” (p.29) He says that “journal editors aid and abet the worst behaviors, that the amount of bad research is alarming, and that data is sculpted to fit a preferred theory...that important confirmations are often rejected and little is done to correct bad practices.”

Dr. Marcia Angell, a physician and longtime editor in chief of the *New England Journal of Medicine* (NEJM), another of the most prestigious peer-reviewed medical journals in the world says, “It is simply no longer possible to believe much of the clinical research that is published, or to rely on the judgment of trusted physicians or authoritative medical guidelines. I take no pleasure in this conclusion, which I reached slowly and reluctantly over my two decades as an editor of the *New England Journal of Medicine*.”

The studies coming out of these journals “are used to develop drugs and vaccines, train medical staff, educate medical students and more.” People dismiss work that is done that isn’t in peer reviewed journals but it turns out the work in the journals isn’t any better than the work that isn’t in them.

Vaccine manufacturers, pharmaceutical companies and health authorities know and have known about the dangers of vaccines but choose to withhold the information. All we can do is do our own research and trust our instincts. Walia reminds us that “Over the course of human history, our planet has experienced multiple paradigm shifts, all of which were met with harsh resistance at the time of their revelation. One great example is when we realized the Earth was not flat.” (p. 29)

Resources

Full references for each article are available at <http://pathwaystofamilywellness.org/references.html>

“Peer Review: A Flawed Process at the Heart of Science and Journals” by Richard Smith

<http://jrs.sagepub.com/content/99/4/178.short?rss=1&ssource=mfr>

“Flawed Medical Research May Be Ruining Your Health & Your Life (Important!)” by Robert Oliva

<http://www.collective-evolution.com/2015/05/06/flawed-medical-research-may-be-ruining-your-health-your-life-important/>

“Offline: What is Medicine’s 5 Sigma?” by Richard Horton

<http://www.thelancet.com/pdfs/journals/lancet/PIIS0140-6736%2815%2960696-1.pdf>

“One of the Most Important Scientists in the World: ‘Most Cancer Research is Largely a Fraud’” by Arjun

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