

## Seroxat Withdrawal Comments

The following comments were selected from the online Paxil Petition at:  
<http://www.petitiononline.com/oky71/petition.html>

The petition has currently been signed by 9,951 people, some have experienced Paxil [Seroxat] withdrawal first hand, others have witnessed loved ones suffering at the hands of this SSRI.

This pdf file was put together by myself to raise public awareness about the horrific withdrawals one can get whilst tapering from Paxil [Seroxat]

Never attempt to go 'cold turkey' - it is not a pleasant experience.

For tips on withdrawal I suggest you download the pdf document from Paxil Progress.

If you have any concerns there are many support groups that will help you. These three being the best.

The Seroxat User Group - <http://www.seroxatusergroup.org.uk/>

Online Seroxat Support Group - [www.seroxatusergroup.org.uk](http://www.seroxatusergroup.org.uk)

Paxil Progress - <http://www.paxilprogress.org/>

You may wish to print off this file to show your doctor or specialist.

There may be some comments that have been duplicated - it was an arduous task and took over 2 days to complete - and I've only used approx half the comments!

## Withdrawal Comments

Rick DeMorrow - Not only did I have problems quitting, it ruined my life while using it! - US

Michele Brewer - I only took Paxil for a couple of weeks, but it caused me to have crazy mood swings. - United States

Helena Weber - I am going through hell trying to get off of this drug. I've been on it for 4 years - tried to get off of it twice, unsuccessfully, and am now trying a 3rd time. Each time I get so sick, I give in and start taking it again so that I can function. I never would have taken this drug if I would have known the consequences. - USA

Robin Swantack - After taking this EVIL drug for almost 9 years, I am now suffering the HELL of trying to taper off of it. The withdrawal is absolutely horrible. I can't function, can't drive, can't be a human being anymore. Wish I would've known then what I know now. - USA

Linda Nolen - I am dizzy, have "spaciness", electrical impulse type feelings in my head and am trying to wean off Paxil. What a crock. I also am off-balance and cannot drive right. I hope I can get completely off this stuff. - Stone

Chris - withdrawl is terrible! - Canada

Reanne Soroko - I don't want to go through what my poor sister went through. This is enough!!!! - Canada

Renelle Guertin - I'd rather have major depression then suffer from Paxil's evil withdrawals - Canada

Laurie Crawford - The withdrawal I experienced was pure torture! - USA

Laura Thacker - This is a real and serious problem. I urge you to please take responsibility and warn people of this drug's addictive quality. Doctors should be advised and know how to properly help patients with the withdrawal process. Please address this serious issue. Show that you care about people not just about profit. Bottomline: You are making people sick. - USA

Candice Pyne - Absolutely vile withdrawl symptoms. My doctor advised me to grin and bear it. But after wasting my entire school holidays vomiting I couldn't stand it any more, and he put me on Zoloft. I've never been so physically sick in my life. - Australia

Cal - How dare you! Six years of hell and counting - you've stolen my youth and deserve to pay the price for the thousands of lives you've ruined. What goes around comes around - wishing SKB their downfall! - UK

Angela Kammler - Paxil has ruined too many lives - take it off the market & help us get our lives back! - USA

Jose Izquierdo - getting off paxil was an absolute nightmare - Canada

Thomas Edwards - Paxil should be taken off the market!!! - USA

Larry Schmidt - TV ads are going to hook minors. It is a very dangerous drug. - USA

Incontro-Schmidt - The worst thing I have ever had to deal with. Brought on so many problems and had to quit live. I am still battling with it!!!!!! - USA

Kevin M Murphy - My 13 yr old daughter is suffering terribly for 2 months so far - USA

David Rasmussen - withdrawl...horrible - USA

Mary Swenson - Very sick with electrical charges in head when trying to quite. This is like being addicted to hard core drugs. The manufacture needs to have a plan to withdraw people who take this. I have been sick for at least 2-3 days everytime I try to decrease the dose. It's been a horrible experience. I want off this drug and no one seems to know how to stop it without getting sick. - Burleson, Texas

Lucyann Cosentino - I have suffered lasting effects from Paxil usage and suffered through a withdrawal from "hell" - USA

Jean Jarvis - Am experiencing many of the side effects of this drug. - USA

Amy R. Steppe - I am in HELL from PAXIL withdrawal -- Has Ruined my Life and Relationships - HELP - USA

Helen Hills - I have tried twice to stop taking Paxil. Each time I tried I got severely sick with shakes, vomitting, severe headache and flu like systems where I missed several days of work. I was completely incapacitated, I could not even get out of bed as everything seemed to be spinning around. My doctor finally put me back on Paxil but lowered the dosage. I have been taking Paxil now for three years with no hope of withdrawing any time soon. Before I was put on Paxil, I specifically asked my doctor if this medication is habit forming and I was assured that it is not, however, my experience has been one of desperation and extreme fear that I am now dependent on this medication. I need help. - VA, USA

Cheri Innocenti - I am trying to get off Paxil after a year of taking it. Now not only do I have anxiety but I feel awful with bad headaches and

severe dizziness. It is causing a lot of problems in my life and I really have no idea when I am going to feel better or IF I am going to feel better. - USA

Johanne - PURE HELL... I feel like I'm never gonna get off this drug... - Canada

Dee Jenkins - Will I ever get my life back? - Canada

Lina Godden Van Zyl - Have tried to get off for 1 year now and unable to do so without severe side effects. - South Africa

Jerald E. Shelato Jr. - Dizziness, "shocks" behind the eyes radiating down the neck into body; you've read it all before. I can't believe you're advertising this stuff on television. Continuing to manufacture, advertise and sell Paxil without proper warnings for its withdrawal side effects equals MORAL BANKRUPTCY. - USA

Angela Russo - wish I had been told all the facts about Paxil! - USA

Robyn M. - I was given a prescrip for Paxil for mild depression after just meeting my Dr (for the 1st time) and talking to her for 20 mins. I found many websites online (thankfully) & only took 2 doses - I can't believe that Drs. can be so irresponsible as to hand out this med without looking into it. What ever happened to "First Do No Harm" Drs. need MORE EDUCATION - forget what the manufacturers say about it - they DO NOT care about people and their lives - only money!! I bet none of them are taking it or letting THEIR family members take it!! Very, very sad. - USA

Marina - We need to get the word out on this dangerous drug. - USA

GINGER BRACY - I HAVE BEEN TAKING PAXIL FOR 2YEARS AND HAVE BEEN TRYING TO STOP FOR A WHILE NOW. I AM DIGUSTED TO LEARN THAT SKB NEW ALL ALONG THAT IT WOULD HAVE THESE TERRIBLE EFFECTS - SUFFOLK

Normajean Brady - bad side effects. bad withdrawal symptoms. bad drug. - U.S.A

Dottie Geiger - They should tell you about the withdraw and addiction before you start - USA

Tracy M. Ross - Paxil is a highly addictive, extremely dangerous, debilitating drug. I am an RN with great public contact. I will warn others of this dangerous drug the rest of my life! - USA

Patrick A. Lengyel - I've recently stopped taking Paxil after 18 months and have experienced many of the side effects associated with withdrawal - hot flashes, electrical "zaps", inability to concentrate, weight gain, dizziness, headaches, etc., etc., Had I been aware of these withdrawal horrors, I would have requested that my physician prescribe another medication. - USA

Shari Johnson - having a hard time getting off Paxil! - USA

Melissa A. Parks - Paxil just about ruined my relationship with my husband and caused me severe withdrawal effects especially severe dizziness to the point that I could not function, it took me a month and a half to slowly wean off it, I still feel the effects of paxil even though I have been off it for four months, I experience headaches, flashes of light in my eyes, agitation, I feel like I may never be me again, I have more anxiety and problems than I did before taking it. Paxil should be taken off the market and people should be cautioned against using it. - Canada

Kristin - I am miserable and I owe it all to your company for not getting the word out about withdrawal symptoms and possible life-dependance! - USA

Judie Ellen Warren - I'm on my second attempt at quitting and I'm so sick right now that I'm in tears. I'm not sure I'll make it this time either. I wish I'd known this was part of Paxil, but my doctor handed it over without a word of warning. No one should ever have to go through this. - USA

Lorraine Urquhart - even weaning off paxil is debilitating. a few years ago i wondered if i would survive depression. now i wonder if i will survive paxil withdrawal. - Canada

Charles Interrante - My wife has been going through hell weaning off paxil - U.S.A

Erik Dean - Withdrawal has made me violently ill: vomiting, dizziness, headaches, chills, etc. This has been going on for three weeks now after a slow tapering discontinuation! - USA

Trudith Anne Ohki - They should be sued. My family and I have been through HELL! - CANADA

Grant M. Anderst - It is a LIVING NIGHTMARE! thanks to Paxil and SKB - Canada

Arlene Posner - Withdrawl hell and i'm not a drug abuser. - USA

Lawrence Pullom - Withdrawal HELL - USA

Stephanie Elizondo - Withdrawl hell. I am dizzie? I feel these weird electrical? sensations in my brain. I heard that withdrawl was hell, now I know. I have been on this medication for 1 year for panic attacks, depression, anxiety. I was on 20 mg, I cut back to 10 mg for the past 2 months. Last week I cut back to 5mg (1/4 of a pill). I feel so weird in my brain. Dizziness? I know what this is. I have never felt like this before. How can they outright lie and say there is no withdrawl? This is not true. If I knew that this drug was addictive, I NEVER would have consented to take this medication. Please someone help us. - USA

Kelly K. Roe - I was prescribed Paxil approximately 4 months ago for depression. I was worked my way up to 30 m.g., but shortly thereafter was not feeling as well as I had hoped. I decided I wanted to get off Paxil with the hopes of trying something else they may work better for me. I took three full weeks to slowly taper myself off Paxil, once I had discontinued it I began experiencing a very strange and disturbing sensation in my head. The sensory problem was similar to a vertigo but I was not really dizzy? At any rate it progressed and has become almost completely disabling for me. I never thought it could be the Paxil. I was treated for inner ear disfunction and have recently been referred to see a Nerologist. I now know that it is the Paxil because I can completely eliminate my symptoms by simply taking as little as 10 mg of Paxil and get releif for a couple days before I have to take it again. I am outraged and as stated in the Califorina lawsuit, feel entraped and as if I will never be able to get off this drug. This is particularly a problem for one such as my self who would like to obtain some relief for depression and cannot because of the need to get off one anti-depressant before being permitted to start another. So now I am hoplessly addicted to a drug that is of no help to me in terms of relieving my depression! - USA

William H. Chaiken - hospitalized three times for paxil withdrawal - U.S.A.

Steven M. - I have been taking "paxil"for 18 months,for anxiety and panic.My doctor assured me of no severe side affects,I take 20mg once a day,it is expensive medicine around \$90.00 a month for 30 pills,I have severe mental confussions,nightmares,black objects swimming around in my eyes mainly in the daytime,I have aching parts that I didnt even knew I had.I have tingling in my arms legs feet you name it.I am 6ft 1 inch and have never weighed in my 35 years here on earth more than 165 pounds I

have gained in the last year up to 198 pounds. ever since I have taken paxil my body seems to be falling to pieces. I have tried to wean myself from "paxil" but when I do my mind starts on a journey to "HELL" this drug is not fit for nothing but to be flushed down the toilet, the sad thing is it is easier said than done, one to be able to cold turkey stop would no doubt have to be put in a straight jacket. It is a shame that the people that start to take "paxil" grasping for hope for a better life end up more desperate for their old life back than the one that this so called wonder drug offers. The reason it is called the wonder drug is once you start taking "paxil" you "WONDER WHAT THE "HELL" IS HAPPENING TO ME" this drug should be erased from the drug stores and "SmithKline Beecham and paxil should be put out of business, for the lives they have destroyed. I will video my symptoms, and my withdrawals no matter how long it takes. - North, Louisiana.  
Angela Dugosh - I'm living in a nightmare trying to get off these pills - U.S.

Michelle Goldberg - struggling to get off for 3 months so far...to no avail!! this is the worst thing that a person can endure, i do not know how i am supposed to be free of this poison...this drug should not be prescribed without indicating to each and every patient, the hell that they will go through if they decide to wean off. - USA

Gerald A Grant - slowing to a stop, my sanity is worse , addictive? yes - Canada

Colleen G. Chambers - I am a healthy 26 yr old female, wife, mother and professional. I have been "tapering" off of Paxil for about six months now...literally shaving my pills down b/c my withdrawal symptoms have been so severe. I am still not off of it completely as it disrupts my life so much to have these symptoms. I did not have a clue about them and was taken to the emergency room when I was told by my former doctor to just go "cold turkey". BEWARE - USA

Kathleen N. Vercimak - Had I been given the withdrawal warnings I never would have taken this drug. Shame on you for not giving the public ALL the information regarding your drug. - USA

SANDRA A. RAU - I WOULD LIKE TO QUIT TAKING THIS DRUG AND GET MY LIFE BACK - USA

David Roy - my mother has been on paxil for along time & she gets sick everytime she trys to stop taking them, you put adds on TV about paxil being good for aniaty I ALL MOST STARTED TAKING PAXIL LAST JUNE FOR MY ANXIATY what are you trying to do to people ? - P.Q. QUEBEC

Sarah Strayer - This drug must be discontinued! I went through the worst experience of my life. Initially I didn't realize I was having withdrawal and thought I had some violent and rare viral disease. I was in and out of hospitals and all the doctors could do was shrug their shoulders and give me anti-vertigo medication. This did nothing. I couldn't work, everywhere I walked I felt high as a kite, extremely nauseous, I couldn't walk straight and felt like I was walking on a wobbly magic carpet. I also cried uncontrollably when I wasn't throwing stuff around in a rage (and I am normally very calm). The electrical sensations and vivid dreams can only mean permanent damage, possibly on a chromosomal level, has been done. I am optimistic that SKB will be held fully accountable for the emotional and physical despair Paxil users have suffered. I want to know the exact chemical make-up of Paxil along with an explanation of what these chemicals do and the long term known and unknown ramifications of ingesting these poisons which I suspect will be very bad news. - USA

Ronna Torrisi - Never even thought about withdrawal symptoms until I tried to wean off my measly 10 MGs a day that I've only been taking for 2 months!!! - USA

KAREN MCDOWELL - I HAD TO CALL LOCAL DETOX TO GET HELP - USA

Javier Ortiz - I was prescribed this Paxil medication and after months of using it it has definitely made me have mood swings and hasn't helped the problems it claimed it would help me with - U.S.A

Debbie Marshall - have suffered terrible withdrawal, feel betrayed -  
Butler

BARBRA ROBERTS - I FELT GREAT UNTIL I TRIED TO STOP TAKING PAXIL - U.S.A.

Megan Malone - One of the worst experiences of my life was trying to come off of this drug. - United States

Paul Sirianni - I've been trying to get off paxil and ever since i tried to get off never felt the same since, it's been over two months - USA

Victor Tremblay - my wife is on paxil, she tried 3 times to get off paxil got very sick and had to start them again. in mid Jan. 2001 she will try again after the holidays. SKB you made people life HELL ( thanks alot ) -  
Ormstown P.Q. Canada

Monty Barb - My life bottomed after taking this drug. I am now in bankruptcy court, single, and just found a new job. - USA

Dubord, Jocelyne - On this drug, I lacked concentration and felt like a zombie all the time. This is my third attempt at trying to get off this drug. The first two times, I weaned myself off very slowly. Did not work. This time, I went cold turkey and the symptoms are the same as the weaning process. Either way, you will not feel good. I am on day 13 and hopefully this time around I will succeed. Hang in there everyone! - Canada

Brenda Desrochers - Went through hell getting off this drug - Canada

Dianne Corbett - I have tried twice to reduce and discontinue Paxil with very ill effects! I am going to have to live with this drug for the rest of my life!! I can not even sleep with anyone because of my frequent leg spasms at night caused by Paxil. - Burke

Amy R. Steppe - I am in HELL from PAXIL withdrawal -- Has Ruined my Life and Relationships - HELP - USA

CYNTHIA SUZANNE SAXON - SINCE 08-05-00, I HAVE EXPERIENCED SEVERE DIZZINESS AND SHOCK LIKE SYMPTOMS IN MY HEAD. I HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO SLEEP ON MY RIGHT SIDE. I HAVE MISSED A MONTH AND A HALF OF WORK AND HAVE HAD NOT MUCH LUCK IN GETTING BETTER. I HAVE HAD FLUID LIKE SYMPTOMS IN MY HEAD LIKE I HAVE WATER IN THE BACK OF MY HEAD. - GREGG

Beth Cavalieri - This is FAR more difficult than quitting smoking was! - USA

Troy Porter - Definite side effects associated with reducing dosage from 20mg to 10mg. Symptoms include: dizziness, disassociative feeling, numbness in lips. - USA

Rodrigo Ribeiro - I have terrible withdrawal - United States

Julia Sharp DANGEROUS WITHDRAWAL! and it was the wrong drug for my problem - USA

Eileen P. Arnold - I will NEVER take Paxil again; it numbed me out psychologically and physically and the side effects during withdrawal ruined a month of my 39 years of precious life. In total, a year of my life was adversely affected by this drug. I will recommend to anyone I know to stop taking it; I have another friend switching drugs who was also "numbed out" and he is now having adverse withdrawal side effects as well. - USA

Cheryl Fortezzo-Miller - It has taken me 8 months to stop, People need to be warned!!!!!!!!!! - USA

Paul David Brown - I used Paxil (20-30 mg) to control depression and anxiety. Lately, after about a year on the drug, it hasn't helped either. Now, I've quit cold turkey during the Christmas season, which is like climbing Mount Everest in flip-flops: each day is torture. Actually, I'm sort of enjoying the uncontrollable crying, because at least I'm no longer an emotional zombie...I'm actually feeling emotions again (painful ones, for the time being). - USA

Susan - severe adverse affects from discontinuing use - USA

Edward Joseph Kiezik - Have been taking paxil for about two years and slowly finding myself requiring more and more . After a few doctors consultations he just advised me to increase the dosage. When and were will it end .....good question! In conjunction he has put me on TRAZODONE at night because at the end of the day I'll need another "HIT" of PAXIL.. Thank you very much SmithKline Beecham for allowing the doctors to market your product without their full knowledge of its effect ! - Canada

Sandra Bambini - I'm smack in the middle of paxil withdrawl right now. I just found the lawsuit site and am very angry. I have tried and failed to "kick" paxil before never understanding why I felt so horrible. And now I'm afraid of how long it will take for these debilitating symptoms to leave me. SmithKLine Beecham you have committed a grave immorality. SHAME. - Canada

Doug Bounds - I and my doctor, in good faith, thought we were embarking on a safe and effective therapy. Now we both know we were misled. - Baldwin

Michelle - really bad withdrawl symptoms. - Canada

Kathy Blanchette - I've been trying to get off Paxil for years, but felt the symptoms of my original problems were returning so went back on. I've now been off 2 months and feel better each day but it took a long time. I'm still having trouble sleeping. - United States

Wendy R. Leax - paxil withdrawl makes me want to kill myself - United States

Christine Radcliff - I started taking Paxil because two members of my family were terminally ill. Now I am trying to get off of it, and the withdrawal is hell. - Ventura

Melissa Hooks - Im currently having problems stopping my paxil.The withdrawls are nothing I expected. - USA

Laura Wicks - I hope to save others from the hell I went through when "discontinuing" Paxil. - USA

Anthony Cook - help - USA

Robert Depew - I, too, have had adverse effects - Dallas

Kelly L. Pavlik - What SKB has done is wrong. I would not have taken this drug had a known of the withdrawal. I'm losing time in my life suffering these withdrawal symptoms. I feel betrayed. - USA

Sandra Barber - I feel trapped and controlled by Paxil. When I tapered it off over a period of 3 months I became a trembling, sweating, panic-ridden total insomniac agoraphobic and I am now too scared to stop taking it. It has made me fat too, despite a healthy diet and 4-5 sessions per week at the gym. I am not and have never been a drug user/abuser, and I feel that Smithkline Beecham tell positive lies on their literature when they say that it is not addictive and that withdrawal symptoms are very rare. I do not know what to do. - England

Patrick Bonneville - One of man's greatest crimes is oppression in all of it's many forms. Paxil's side effects are criminal in the manner the drug is advertised. I would not have taken it had I known how it would oppress me and my lifestyle. - United States of America

Michael Norkus - Major, major withdrawal problems are far more common than you are admitting. Please stop false advertising claims and properly inform doctors and patients. - US

Allen Saenz - From physically harming people to puking each morning. - USA

Rhonda Padgett - Its awful that i wanted help and in return I feel worse than i did before - USA

Betty Erb (deceased) - We worked very hard to detox my mother from Paxil. I was a horrible process. - USA

Richard K - Nasty, nasty thing to try to quit, have tried several times and it's so hard. Didn't sign up for this! - USA

Diane Staeheli - I can't stand this, why was I not told? - U.S.A

Clifford Davis - I have a real good friend on paxil and she is screwed up and gained 40lbs while on it and she has stopped taking it but now she twitches and all kinds of bad stuff. But she has lost 5 pounds since she stopped taking it. - United States of America

Natasha - Paxil did not help my depression. It caused sleeping problems, extreme constipation, loss of libido and weight gain. Stopped "cold turkey" not being told to do it gradually. For many weeks experienced extreme irritability, head aches. I feel lucky to be off of it!! It was awful!! - USA

Shirley - I used Paxil (started on 10 mg, but got very sick with 20 mg) to control depression and anxiety. I gained weight, and felt more depressed on Paxil, so I weaned myself from it and after three months I still feel the affects of the drug. I still have the shakes and trouble sleeping and a number of other problems. - CANADA

Tricia Speakman - This stuff is a poison that locks its victims into a personal hell. I have tried repeatedly to wean off of Paxil but the symptoms (nausea, dizziness, unfocused eyes, headaches, sleep problems, etc...) are completely intolerable. I've gained 25 pounds during the 2 1/2 years that I've been on this stuff. NEVER was I warned about these horrible side effects - I would've never started it. The side effects are far worse than any supposed help it has given me. - USA

Linda Valentine (RAPS-SCI) - My sister tried to kill herself twice on Paxil! - U.S.A.

Randolph Lee Hart - This drug has destroyed my life. - United States

Andrea - 30lb wt gain in 12 mo, terrible withdrawl symptoms - Canada

KIMBERLY TRIANI - I have been unsuccessfully trying to discontinue the use of paxil and can not due to severe side effects - USA

Crystal - I have never experienced anything like this. I have been very ill to the point where I cannot function. - USA

Rob - I've been on 20mg of paxil for over a year now, and find that it has reached its maximum effect as far as relieving depressive symptoms. I find myself just as depressed now as I did when I first started taking the drug and recently decided to try to wein myself off, under the O.K. of my doctor, only to experience severe withdrawal affects described by other sufferers of the drug. I thought I was the only one that was experiencing these feelings "zaps" and didn't know what was happening until I went to the emergency room at the hospital, and was told to go back on the paxil. I don't know what other recourse I have but to continue the use of the drug, and see my doctor on a regular basis for therapy. There has been no progress to date, and initially, I was told and given a prescription for diazipam, 5mg three times a day to help with my anxiety. I was told that this works well with Paxil and will help my situation. Now I find myself addicted to them as well, and taking more and more as time goes on to relieve the same symptoms I have experienced in the past. I'm glad I found this site, because I thought I was the only;y one that was going through this ordeal, and when I see my doctor real soon, I'll be talking to him about it. I would love to hear from anyone out there that is going through the same hell I'm going through. God Bless all of you ! - Canada

Sharon Keigley - Please help us. I have taken Paxil and been off of it for about 2 months now. I still can hardly walk, I am so dizzy. I cannot work, my husband is retired and not well so we are getting into financial problems when we should be able to enjoy life - and it is all because of this horrible drug and the withdrawal symptoms I have had to deal with. And my doctor said it wasn't habit forming!! - United States

ZEKE - This drug has ruined my life. I can't get off of it. it is complete HELL - US

Patrick - continued use of Paxil, because withdrawal is severe. - USA

Sherrie Hope Childers - I have suffered, suffered unecessarily - U.S.

Jessica Gonzales - I have been taking Paxil for over two years and have been experiencing withdrawal syptoms without even lessening my dosage. This is a horrible drug that will you give you more problems than the ones these drug companies are claiming to cure. - U.S.A

Amanda Diston - I can not stop taking paxil without sevier withdrawl symptoms - United states of america

Robin Carter - I started taking paxil 4 yrs ago...at 40 mg...This is my second attempt to get off of it. - UNITED STATES

A. Becker - To sum up in one "word" what my wife has gone through: PaxHell! - USA

Beth Williams - This drug was not studied enough for it's release, it took me three months to withdrawl from it. - USA

Christine Sturby-Thibeault - I can't believe this drug is legal! What a horrible experience. - Bahamas

Charlotte Desorgher - Withdrawing from paxil is the hardest thing I have ever done - much worse than from cigarettes - UK

Willeke Barens-Kerr - Paxil is poison for me, getting off is hell - Republic of Ireland

Indira Srikant - Suffering from withdrawl symptome - depersonalization. Am at 10mg/day - USA

Letitia Kostik - After stopping I experienced suicidal thoughts very close to doing it if it wasn't for family and friends concerns. - United States

Candace Robinson - I regret ever taking paxil, it has ruined my life. - USA

Jennifer Holmes - HORRIBLE STUFF TO GET OFF OF-EVEN SLOWLY - USA

Paula Stewart - I've been taking Paxil for 8 months. Due to the slight weight gain my doctor told me to stop taking it cold turkey. I was out of work for a week because of nausea and weakness. My relationship has suffered a great deal from the side effects I experience while taking the Paxil. I am currently taking 10mg every evening because I could not handle the withdrawal symptoms. I have become numb to everything and have no emotions. I will attempt to wean myself off again and hopefully for good this time. - USA

Melissa Boutilier - I suffer terrible Vertigo and the inability to think and concertrate. I start to suffer from sever headaches. I become severly upset and depressed. I am afraid to discontinue the use of my Paxil, because I cannot function. I am grateful that this drug has changed my life for the better, but I was told it was non habit forming and there was no withdrawl. I have been on this medication for 3 years. Please at least inform people that it may cause negative side effect with discontinuation. Thank you - Canada

Laura Last - Witnessed the terrible side effects on my boyfriend and pray everyday for his better well-being. - USA

Kimberly Devereaux - I went off Paxil in Dec. '99 but couldn't function due to the severe headaches and nausea. I feel 'trapped' on this drug. - VA, USA

Lori MacLaughlan - withdrawal is HELL - USA

Christopher Milosavljevic - I've been on Paxil since August 2000 for panic and mild depression. I will say although this drug has worked, I am now having a tough time getting off of it. Constant vertigo, lightheadedness, dizzy, insomnia, and zaps, which the only way it can be described is, electrical jolts going through your head. If I was made aware of this side effect, or for that matter, my physician was properly warned rather than being bribed by the kick backs that SKB offer, I would have sought an alternative. Once I found the paxil database and learned I'm not the only one suffering these symptoms, I became angry at both SKB and the FDA for allowing such a drug on the market. I hope anyone reading this will think twice before taking this drug. - Alberta, Canada

Renee J. Juillard - After spending 1-1/2 years on Zoloft to help with depression related to chronic illness, my doctor suggested switching to a low dose of Paxil, instead of increasing the Zoloft past the 150 mg/day that I was taking. I thought I had heard something about addiction problems with Paxil, but my doctor assured me that I would be kept at a low enough dose that there would be no chance of problems. I have been on Paxil (20 mg.) for only 3 months, but experienced problems that included dizziness, weight gain, lethargy, apathy, and hearing noises (doorbells, voices, music, electrical humming) that weren't real. After 6 days off (cold turkey), I realize that other problems that I had been experiencing may be related, including earaches, TMJ pain, headaches, and sore throats, since they were going away during my few days off. My doctor agreed that Paxil wasn't working well for me, and said to stop it with no need to wean off it. What a huge mistake! The dizziness rapidly increased, as did the chills and need for ever more sleep. In addition, I started getting "jolts to the brain" accompanied by nausea, not to mention the first panic attacks I have ever had in my 43 years of life! Due to my severe confusion, I do not recall what else was happening to me. Luckily, I have a wonderful, supportive, and caring husband who left work several times on moment's notice to come hold me and take care of me during the worst episodes. I was convinced that I had a brain tumor, or some other serious problem, when we decided to check the Internet for Paxil Withdrawal. After reading the message boards full of withdrawal symptoms exactly like mine, we decided I should get back on Paxil at 10 mgs. so I could have some semblance of life, then try to slowly wean off. Within a few hours, the worst stuff had receded, and now I am somewhere in between all the side effects and withdrawal effects. I hope to get off the Paxil, and try to find some other way to deal with depression, as I don't know that I will ever be able to consider antidepressant

medications as safe options... By the way, I have NEVER been a drug addict before, but I feel like one now! This truly is hell. - USA

Shawn Michalski - This drug should not be on the market and almost ruined my life! - Canada

Alyse Cutler - I had really bad withdrawal symptoms - US

Linda Jones - While being on Paxil helped my anxiety the side effects of Paxil are now outweighing the benefits. I tried weening off of Paxil but started to experience bad withdrawal symptoms. I am trapped. - USA

Tanja LeBlanc - If I would have been warned about the "withdrawal" symptoms, even when tapering off of Paxil, I would have thought twice about ever putting Paxil into my body to begin with. - USA

Jennifer S. Carter - Paxil was wonderful when I was depressed but weaning off paxil is near to impossible. As an RN-BSN I would never recommend this medication. The severe withdrawal effects I have experienced three time from paxil are more debilitating than the depression itself. I would much rather be depressed than nauseated, diaphoretic, and sicker than I have ever felt - USA

Jacqueline - i feel like i'm dying. I'm scared. I only took 20mg for three months and i quit cold-turkey. I am newly engaged and i am ashamed of how i'm treating my fiance right now. He loves me and i know he won't leave me but i really don't like myself. I am positively spinning as i am writing this. It is 2:30 in the morning and i feel frantic. I haven't slept in two days. I am buzzed, nauseous, sweating like crazy and feel like i'm going to faint. Never again will i take any antidepressant. I'd rather be sad and be myself. I have had awful, vivid nightmares. I feel like i'm going to die. . . . - Winnipeg, CANADA

Kathy P. - I feel like PAXIL has ruined my life. I hope it's not too late for others. This medication should be removed from the market or something should be done to restrict it's use more than is already. I am STILL experiencing withdrawals from this after 2-3 months of not taking any (I took this for over two years). I feel like I have the worst case of the flu and a number of different doctors have diagnosed me with several other diseases, based on my symptoms. None of the symptoms can be backed up by any lab reports...but these fine specialists see severe and debilitating symptoms which are indicative of disease regardless. I hope this petition helps someone who is yet unsuspecting. I DIDN'T KNOW, and I discussed it's use with my physicians in detail prior to beginning it's use. I also thoroughly read the insert, and was completely confident that there would be no problems, which are much more frequent than is

suggested. I also thought that stopping its' use would be do-able, NOT  
DISABLING. - USA

Lisa Mitchell - My doctor kept me on this drug forever. Told me to take 3  
day vacations and never explained the withdrawl symptoms. I kept being  
treated for ear infection and the flu ( The dizziness, loss of balance  
sick stomache etc...). i am now being slowly weaned off of Paxil and  
feel like i am going stark raving nuts with t he Paxil flu. Thanks for  
the warning SKB) my Dr. Didn't even know until recently... - USA

Yvonne Goguen - My niece has tried 3 times to get off paxil with no  
result, but she is giving it another try , she is sick like if she has a  
flu. - Canada

Barbara Lubbers - Problems while on it/ horrible time getting off it -  
Arapahoe

Laura Bantz - I have tried to discontinue paxil only to find that the  
withdrawls are so severe that I become so ill that I can no longer  
perform my daily life. This is with a gradual decrease of dosage. I am  
dizzy, stomach is sick, lightheaded, feelings of suicide and feel that I  
can only go off this medication if I am hospitalized to do it. Its very  
severe and I only take 10 mgs. a day. - Maricopa

Jonna Nielsen - I am currently suffering, I have been unable to get off  
of it without severe symptoms and I am currently taking another SSRI and  
doing so worries me. I worry I'll not be able to get off of the Paxil at  
all. I have taken it before and the symptoms were not explained to me I  
thought I was having some strange illness that none of my doctors could  
figure out. Now as I attempt to taper off I remember these feelings only  
this time they are 100 times worse. I can't even take it an hour later  
than usual with out bursting into tears and feeling like I am deathly  
ill. I hate it. I use to recommend Paxil to people with depression  
because it had worked so well for me the first time, that is why I chose  
to take it again. Had I known it was addictive, which I asked my Doctor  
if it was and was told no, I would not have taken it. - USA

Renee Willour - I have been on Paxil for about 5 years and cannot get off  
of it. I am extremely disappointed in the withdrawl effect this drug has  
on me. I feel like you should help me and make it better. - USA

GeAnn M. Schmidt - I went on a 4 month nightmare. - Peirce

Susan J Schmidt - This drug almost ruined my daughters life. - Peirce

Laurie Hubble - My sister is being destroyed by your "wonder" pill. She was given a prescription for Paxil for mild depression and now, months later I feel like I don't even know her. She's become terribly hyper and has been having vivid and frightening dreams. When I try to talk to her about weaning herself off Paxil she thinks I'm the one who "doesn't understand". She doesn't even see what she's become even though it's more than apparent to her family. You've created a catch 22 for me. She's messed up taking your medication and now I'm finding out that the withdrawal symptoms are just as hideous. Thanks! - Canada  
Suzanne Teichreb - Paxil has caused me much more anxiety while trying to withdraw than I have ever experienced with my actual anxiety problems! - Canada

Judith Roush - I have decreased my paxil from 20 mg. to 10 mg. per day. However whenever trying to go to 5 mg. per day, I suffer bouts of "motion like" symptoms so I have to go back to 10mg. per day. How can I get off it? - USA

Amy Crosslin - I am currently suffering from withdrawl symptoms from discontinuing Paxil at a slow rate. I have extreme dizziness, nausea, motionsickness and headaches. I can live with all of them, but the dizziness is the worst. - United States

Sharon Kennedy - It has taken me 8 months to come off Seroxat after taking it for only 7 months. I am currently suffering horrible side effects which are worse than my original symptoms. SKB should be ashamed. - United Kingdom

Michael Wood - Suffering from withdrawal! - Canada

Clarissa Cosgrove - This is like five times the morning sickness with the flu on some hallucinating continous trip. I was tapering from 40mg to 10mg to nothing from being on the drug for about six years. The way I am feeling and functioning may cost me several classes at the university. I do not feel competent enough to do any critical writings or essays. I would bet these effects are very similar to illicit drug withdrawl symptoms. I will not take Paxil again. This cannot of gone undetected during trials, or maybe the morality behind the Paxil in the marketplace is like having your customers addicted to nicotine. The masses will keep consuming the stuff because they can't give it up. There is something ethically and morally wrong to having this kind of drug on the market without definately stating the withdrawl effects of it. Do people addicted to morphene have this level of withdrawls? I do believe Paxil ranks up there if not more in withdrawl effects. Thanks A Lot, SmithKline Beecham, for making this a worst Hell than just living with depression. You may owe me a semester of tuition whether you guys agree or not. Eat your own pills for a while and try to kick the habit! I may have a couple a buckets left around for you guys to puke in. Better yet, try holding in

your own puke after a while. Sounds like real Paxil rollercoaster fun, doesn't it? - USA

Simon Finney - this drug put my girlfriend through HELL - United Kingdom

Jennifer Dumas - I have been addicted to paxil for approximately 4-5 years. I could go on and on. When further info is needed let me know. - United States

Linda Casey - This withdrawal has stopped my everyday life. I cannot even work until the symptoms subside. SKB should acknowledge their responsibility in all this and try to make reparations. You are playing with people's lives. - USA

Liz Bloking - Tried several times to stop taking paxil. One time under the direction of my doctor, I stopped "cold turkey", it landed me in the emergency room. Even now, if I happen to skip a day, I experience the horrible withdrawal effects. - USA

Laura Snyder - My withdrawl experience from Paxil was horrible. I have never been addicted to anything in my life. I sure wish the withdrawl syndrome would have been disclosed to me before I started taking it. It took me three months to get off of Paxil. - USA

Julia Knight - Had I known about the withdrawls I'd have never taken the drug. The doctor nor the pharmacist said nothing, - Canada

Susannah Curry - This drug ruined my life for two years - Canada

Debbie Mauldin - I work in the medical field and understand what withdrawal is. However, I never thought that in my life time I would be going through an experiencesuch as this. I am very angry at SmithKline Beecham for what they have put me through. I am currently on medical leave from my job while I try to get the drug out of my system and and waiting with great hope that the withdrawal systems will cease in a relativity shortly peroid. I never thought that something like this would happen to me. If SKB would have been more responsible (and less greedy to make money) and encluding information about withdrawal on the packge insert that comes with the drug (and in the Physicians Desk Referance) my doctor and myself would have been well informed about Paxil I would not be going through drug sideeffects and withdrawl symptoms at this time as I would never have allowed myself to be put on paxil. I would have been more informed and I would have the right to refuse the drug. SKB however, took that right from me and I am furious. Sorry I am babbleing but this subject stirs up emotion in me and I will always stand on that "soapbox". I am thinking about legal action as I feel that SKB took away the right I

have to be healthy and to make an informed decision in making choices that involve my body. - Houston, Tx

L. Lacey - I was on Paxil for 6 months @ 30 mgs, I stopped cold turkey. It took 4 1/2 weeks for all of the major withdrawal symptoms to diminish. I still get headaches and dizziness. I used to race cars professionally, that all stopped because of Paxil. Paxil should be banned! - L.A. Ca. USA

Sarah Craig - In trying to withdraw from paxil, I reduced my intake to 15 mg a day for one week, and now 10 mg. I have the worst vertigo and headaches! My doctor wanted me to go from 20 to 10 mg for 1 week, then 10 mg every other day for 1 week, then stop. I think this would have killed me! Still having a hard time. Don't know if I can make it or not through withdrawals. - USA

Steven Krason - I'm going through withdrawal as I'm typing this. It feels like I'm going insane. I feel worse than I was BEFORE I started taking this drug. I've been tapering my dosage gradually over the last 2 months, and STILL I can barely walk straight from the dizziness. My doctor put me on Ativan as well, to combat the withdrawal effects, but now I'll go through a withdrawal from that as well. Hopelessness is an emotion that can kill the clinically depressed. The makers of Paxil need to realize the damage they are causing. - USA

M. Jackson - I did it "right". I tapered off slowly as told by my Dr. I STILL am going through the most horrible and terrifying time of my life. I hope something can become of this petition. I wouldn't wish this feeling on my worst enemy. - USA

J. L. Jones - The symptoms of withdrawal from this drug are far worse than the mild anxiety for which it was prescribed. - USA

Kimberly Fiester - Going through horrible withdrawals - USA

Pamela Carlock - still have numbness in my hands, decreased vision and tingling up my spine 20 days after taking Paxil on 1/31/2001 one 20MG dose and 1/2 that dose for four more days. i am not even on it now. when will my hands get better ?, what has just this small dose done to my brain ? - S.C.Valery

C. Vallarta Serrano - Every person takeing any kind of medicine is entitled to know all the posible effects ot taking and withdrawing it. This information should always be provided both bya laboratories and doctors. The effects of paxil witrawal are devastating for some of us. In Mexico, my country Paxil is sold without the need of a prescription!!! In this case I would not know who to blame first: SMK, my doctor or my

government. But it is the manufacturer the one who certainly knows best about the pros, the cons and the consequences of their own products. They have the number one responsibility. This medicine should not be available to anyone (including doctors and governments) who does not full understand its effects and who knows to tell the truth to people whose hopes of a better life are set on a pill. - Mexico  
Connie Campbell - I was placed on Paxil when my husband was diagnosed with cancer August 1998 and now I cannot Get off of this stuff! - USA

Roberta Gttschalk-Wilson - Horrible withdrawal - United States

Darrin Gallant - It took approximately six months of "weening" to get off Paxil, which I had only taken for about a year before that. Quick on, slow off, horrible withdrawal. I am more angry and short-tempered now than I have ever been. - Canada

Paul Gadoury getting off paxil is a nightmare - United States

Dawn Ingersoll - I have been taking this drug for over 2 years, and after repeated attempts to wean myself off of it I have failed due to severe symptoms of withdraw. I feel, along with countless others, that this drug should be banned IMMEDIATELY! - USA

Sandra Mobley - I've been addicted to Paxil for 7 years. I've tried coming off several times but the withdrawals were so bad I was unsuccessful. I once tried to quit "cold turkey" and ended up sick in bed for 3 days. I have now been attempting to slowly wean myself over several months but the dizziness, lightheadedness and dissasocativeness are unreal. This is NOT a good drug, and I would warn anyone against taking it. - USA

Jerry Kinney - I was given Paxil by a physician's assistant at our local HMO. My life has been a living hell, ever since I took that first pill. I had horrible side effects from both taking the "medication" and getting off of it. I was not given any advance warning of potential side effects, not the least of which was the inability to have sex. These drugs are passed out like candy, in the hopes of pleasing stockholders. Never again! Never again will I take any of this crap. - USA

Sandra F Clark - Please help, medicine is controlling me. - USA

Lynne - totally inadequate information about seroxat withdrawal in patient information leaflet. SKB completely refuses to discuss withdrawal symptoms over their phone helpline numbers. - UK

JENNIFER HOCKENBERRY - I HAD SEVERE WITHDRAWAL SYMPTOMS WHEN I TAPERED OFF PAXIL. NONE OF WHICH WERE DISCUSSED WITH ME BY MY DOCTOR, OR WAS TO BE FOUND IN THE "INFORMATION" PACKET I WAS GIVEN. - USA

Melissa - I have really bad dizzy spells. My prescription has expired, but I refuse to get back on it. Wish me luck...I wish the same for all Paxil sufferers. - USA

Rose Keith - Extremely hard to get off of and major withdrawals at 20mg daily - USA

Dinos M. Metaxas - Your drug has destroyed my family/marriage! My dear wife/daughter are no longer themselves!! Now they are gone!! Only if this tradjety happends to your families/owners then you will understand the distruction that this powerful drug packed with such a demonic force behind it. So many innocent families have paid the price of which you 'S.K.' should be responsible/liable for it!! - USA

Matthew Ferri - This is the worst goddamn drug to get off of! - USA

Jill Bryant - I'm in my second day of withdrawal, and I feel like hell! No one warned me I would feel anything like this, and it should be part of the packaging instructions! - Canada

Wilma Mazingo - After being in a wreck that caused 3 people to be killed I was put on Paxil for Post Dramatic Stress Syndrome and Clinical Depression which seemed to work well after taking then for a few months.I did have several of the side affects but dealt with that.After being on them for a year at 40mg. a day I was now ready to come off them.Isarted to come off by 10mg. at a time as told to me by my doctor.I noticed something wasn't right in the beginning but never thought of it as withdrawls(since I was never told off such a demon as withdrawls).After dropping 10mg. until I was down to my last few days of taking them I finally told my husband I was going to check on the internet and see if there was side affects to Paxil.Boy was I in for a surprise.Everything I had told him I was feeling for over a month was printed by others just as if I had written it myself.I was hurt ,angry,confused and in worse shape that I was before I ever started taking Paxil.I am still angry and I hope something can be done to stop these people from poisoining our minds and body with things they don't know anymore about than we do before taking them.To all who have had withdrawls I only hope for you the strength that I have had to never infect my body with another paxil as long as I live.  
- USA

Jennifer Howard - Trying to get off of Paxil is by far the hardest and scariest thing I've ever had to do in my life TIMES A HUNDRED!!! I got on this evil pill b/c I went through a spell of mild depression, however the effects of getting off of it are so much more severe than the symptom it

tried to correct. It is so terrifying to think you're going completely out of your mind and have absolutely no control over it. You might as well put a sign around my neck that says "OUT OF ORDER" because that's exactly what I am. I also find it a huge coincidence that the past six months I've been trying to get off of it, my menstrual cycle does not seem to want to end when in the past I was always regular. This is serious crap, I reach my lowest of low points when I'm off of this hell raiser from 1-2 weeks, and it gets so bad that at this point I find myself back on it. It's completely sickening and insulting. - US

Linda Pelletier - I was told it was no big deal getting off Paxil. This is a horrible nightmare! Headaches, dizziness, irritability, fatigue. I am going off very very slowly and am petrified I will be like this forever. HELP!! - USA

Jackie Nesbitt - I landed in the hospital after very slowly tapering off Paxil. I am disgusted at the drug manufacturers and doctors for not advising patients of these common problems. I am now a Paxil junkie through no fault of my own. I would love to take legal action! - Canada

Karen Dent - If I were given the more informed about how hard it would be to discontinue this medication I NEVER would have started taking it in the first place!! Doctors push it on people like candy and this company is making big bucks on people's pain and discomfort as well as getting innocent people addicted!! I have never been so miserable in my life as I have been since I have tried to get off this crap and I'm still struggling to get off!! Thanks for nothing! - USA

Jason Corson - Near impossible to get off of. I'd give my left arm to know why the FDA approved this trash. - USA

Debbie LeJeune - After 10 years on this medicine and several failed attempts to stop taking Paxil, I'm stilling trying to wean off. I'm miserable!!! I was never told of any side effects or withdrawal symptoms. The only thing I was told was that Paxil is not addictive. LOL It's time for SmithKline Beecham to be held responsible. - USA

Scott E. Wright - I reluctantly went on this drug. I have had two near death experiences in the last two years. Not wanting to seem disagreeable with my physician I agreed to using Paxil. Now I can't get off the drug and I am driving my family and myself crazy. My biggest fear for several years has been becoming addicted to prescription drugs and now I am there. Thanks. Had I know the chances of this happening I would never agreed to using Paxil at all. - USA

Jennifer Nichols - it costs me \$50 every two weeks, and when I stop taking it, like right now, I feel like I'm going to die!!!! - United States

Alison R. Oakley - Had I known it would be harder to quit paxil than cigarettes, I never would have accepted it as a cure to my clinical depression - USA

Steven Kadlec - Paxil is the worst med I've ever taken. One 10 mg dose caused a week of severe panic attacks and nightmares like I've never had in my life. - USA

Tracy Billings - It;s time that the makers of Paxil start telling the truth! The withdrawal and side effects are a nightmare! - USA

Mariah - i too am addicted - USA

Linda Pantone - Horrible withdrawal - USA

Valerie Depinto - paxil has turned my life into a nightmare - United States

Emily Van Wert - I have been taking Paxil for 2 years. It has caused major tremors an I am unable to come off of the drug - USA

Linda Brosseau Paxil withdrawl is the worst hell I've known... - USA

Troy - Would like to know if there is any way to get off Paxil. Been on it for aabout 6 years. Each time I have tried, I feel like my depression symptoms are coming back. It is depression, or the Paxil? - USA

Sharon DeVault - I started out on 40 mgs./night. My doctor suggested that I take my meds before bedtime. I have had terrific headaches on Paxil; I weened myself down to 10 mgs by cutting down gradually. I have had terrible dizzy spells and have had a lot of problems controlling my weight. I would like to go completely off of Paxil and see if I would feel better. I actually feel worse than I did when this drug was originally prescribed to me. - US

Nicole Dionne - Terrible, terrible side effects/withdrawals - you don't know what you're getting into - Canada  
Nicole Elbert - can't quit due to severe withdrawals - USA

Gabriela Medici - you have destroyed my life - USA

Bob Wallace - More serious side effects that I have been warned about by Smithkline. This is far from a miracle drug, there is a price to pay. WARN US. - USA

Michelle Pamir - I have never had a worse experience in my life - USA

Helen E. Roth - Tapering off Paxil was one of the worst experiences of my life . A person should at least be warned that this might occur, so they could make an intelligent decision as to whether or not they want to risk the possibility of experiencing this HELL - USA

Marta Knickrehm - Paxil withdrawal was AWFUL! I had to go back on. Don't know what I'm going to do now! Side effects bother me way too much! - USA

Esther Rogers - being on paxil was like a one-way ticket 2 hell!!!!!! - Midlothian, Va.

Valerie Whitcomb - Would like you to know that I didn't seek out information about withdrawal until I was having the very disturbing symptoms. Withdrawal from paxil is not fun. Even with my sense of humor, I couldn't enjoy the feeling of falling over; the sleepless, sweaty nights; or the zaps. The zaps are the scariest. If those didn't happen, you would have assumed I was dehydrated. But the zaps made me think I was ready to have a stroke or aneurism. Please take some responsibility for the realities of your product. I would recommend it and use it again because the benefits are good; but experiencing the drawbacks so unexpectedly greatly reduces your credibility and puts your integrity in question. A good name is better than sweet perfume. - USA

Roy Costigan - I've been trying to get off seroxat for 2 years - United Kingdom

Christina Bartley - I never would have started it if I'd known what I would be going through when I quit. - USA

Kelly R Garrell - side effects are absolutely hell on earth! - USA

Christina Barber - There needs to be more information made available to patients being prescribed Paxil BEFORE they agree to begin treatment. Also, doctors need to be informed and educated as to the withdrawal symptoms and how to properly wean someone off Paxil. It's the responsible

thing to do. I suffered needlessly while being "treated" and taken off paxil. It even lead to a needless MRI to determine the "cause" of my symptoms, which turned out to be withdrawal from Paxil. Very irresponsible medicine. - United States

Nathan Allen - It put me in the hospital because I was dizzy and had a lack of balance. Also, I was never warned of the withdrawl stage. - Alachua

Kathy Cooke - I have been on Paxil for 4 years and trying to get off for 1 year. I have FINALLY succeeded in getting off my dependency from Paxil, but my battle has just begun. I feel I will never be free of the withdrawal HELL. There should be FULL DISCLOSURE NOW from SKB. Had I known getting off this drug would ruin my life I would never have gone on it to begin with. SKB has done a great job of hiding Paxils addictive nature from the public at large. - USA

Terry J. LOWE - I have been taking paxil for 6 years, want to get off, but i can't ! - Cheatham

Jesse G. Baehler - I'm suffering paxil withdrawl now, as i sign this! - United States of America

Shannon Miller - Patients should be informed by the physician of the possible withdrawl effects associated with this medication. I was told by my physician that there were NO symptoms or withdrawls. Until today, the fourth day off of Paxil (10mg), I had no reason to believe I would experience any type of withdrawl. I have experienced severe dizziness and the so called "brain zaps" almost continuously since the last 1/2 mg I took. I plan to deal with the symptoms as they occur. I will not return to Paxil as the symptoms which led my doctor to prescribe it have now ceased. I believe it is necessary for individuals to understand fully that while Paxil will help anxiety and depression, it may also cause severe withdrawls. I think I would have dealt with the onset of the withdrawl more successfully had my doctor taken the time to explain some of the reported symptoms associated with withdrawl. - USA

John Sack - I've been on paxil for 3 yrs. when I tried to ween of I caused physical harm to my wife and am now charged and plead guilty to felonious assult and domestic violence and I am facing prison time and loss of my business ... - USA

Sheri L. Wipfli - Paxil withdrawal is VERY real! I have always been an educated consumer, but when desperate times call for desperate measures, we expect to be able to trust our doctors and pharmaceutical companies to provide us with SAFE medications. I have been violated in the strongest sense of the word. USA

Dianne Hill - I am a RN, and began taking Paxil on the advice of my physician to help relieve the sleep problems associated with

Fibromyalgia. I am now trying to wean off, and am suffering extreme withdrawal symptoms. I wouldn't wish this "hell" on anyone. Paxil is legal poison... - USA

Charlain V. Andres - If I survive the withdrawal - & right now I'm not sure I will - it will be interesting to observe the person I will have become: I'll either be incredibly strong or completely destroyed - USA

Kelly Fiedler - Let me give you the "zaps" for a day and then tell me there aren't any side effects!!! - USA

Caroline Gillis - This med. has been nothing but trouble for me. - USA

Diane P. Carlson - Paxil has destroyed my sister. She is not the same person she was. - United States

Sheila Macaulay - Paxil worked great for me until I had to stop using it. It has been a difficult road weaning off of this drug. I don't see how the medical industry can say that Paxil doesn't have adverse effects when quitting it. - Canada

Dawn Eilers - I have been on many medications for my panic disorder and I have never felt worse than I do now trying to get off of the Paxil. We really need to know all of the information of a medication before we start taking it. - United States

Elizabeth - My mother was prescribed Paxil after she finished chemotherapy for breast cancer. While she was on the drug she was an emotionless zombie and didn't care about anything. She was not happy or sad, just numb. She also could not sleep and said her mind would race every night she laid in bed and tried to go to sleep. Eventually she was reduced to 5 mg every other day. She cannot get off even that little dose b/c the symptoms she suffers are too much for her to tolerate. So... basically a woman who has breast cancer and residual depression as a result now has another burden due to this "wonderful" drug called Paxil. What a JOKE! I am sooo angry with SKB and cannot wait to see you pay for what you have done to soooo many people, how can you sleep at night???? - USA

Heidi - I was only taking Paxil for two months and decided to stop taking the medication due to unreasonable, rapid weight gain, disgusting night sweats, total lethargy (I had to leave work early to go home and take a nap!) and a zombie like state. I was so spaced out on Paxil that couldn't drive safely. Since discontinuing the drug I feel like I have the flu, I have constant hot flashes and I basically just feel like crap! I am amazed that so many people have suffered from this drug and I am very

thankful that some action is being taken! All of the sufferers need to be validated! - USA  
Paula Christman - Going off Paxil is HELL - USA

Shay - I have just stopped taking Paxil and have never felt worse in my life. I am so dizzy and nauseous and bewildered by my inability to concentrate. These horrendous electrical pulses in my brain are pure torture. I was never warned this could happen. In fact, my doctors seem completely in the dark about these withdrawal symptoms I am experiencing! This should never be allowed to happen to anyone again. Shame on you! - USA

Myra Brooks - The worst decision I ever made was to begin taking paxil and believing the doctor when he said it wasn't addictive! - USA

Amanda Challstrom - Paxil has horrible withdrawal symptoms - United States

Heidi Baldwin - SmithKline Beecham has completely lost any respect I ever had for your company. How can you continue to let people suffer like this? This medication is a complete nightmare! I tried going off once but my doctor put me back on because he thought I must have a chemical imbalance - he didn't know the withdrawal symptoms existed! There is no reason for a doctor to be so uninformed by a pharmaceutical company! I went through 2 months of hell after completely stopping - I had seizure like episodes repeatedly until my doctor put me back on the drug. PLEASE DO SOMETHING NOW - WE ARE ALL SUFFERING!!! - USA

Charlotte Beverly Furber - this drug is addictive, there are major withdraw symptoms. it is not fair to us as human beings to allow people to trustingly take your drug, we took this drug to help us with problems we have or had and now you have added more problems than we started with. addiction and withdraw sucks- do you even know what it is like to have to watch someone you love go through this pain, even worse do you have any idea what it is like to be that person?? this drug should come with a warning given to every potential patient to whom it is prescribed or at best it should be taken completely off the market. - USA

Kimberly B. Maez - started 20mg paxil 10/00, tried to quit twice, unsuccessful. - USA

Troy Bailey - It was a nightmare trying to get off Paxil. I ended up back in therapy and unable to work. - USA

Sheryl Kinsler - The withdrawal outweighs the effects 10 to 1. Please be more responsible to those that need this type of medication! - United States

Emily - You can be addicted to Paxil. The withdraw symptoms are hellish.  
- USA

Tabitha Pattersont - HORRIBLE WITHDRAWLS EFFECTS - USA

Tammy - I was forced on paxil when I was 11 years old, without any psychiatric evaluation at all. Not only did I have a bad withdrawl from paxil, but paxil had serious adverse effects on me such as anger, irritability, violence, depression, which all seemed to dissappear when I got off of it 2 years ago. Paxil is not only physically addictive, but also emotionally destructive. - USA

Sue Worstell - I am suffering intense withdraw symptoms, after using 10mg of Paxil daily for 4 years. So tell the truth about the withdraw! - USA

Paul - I am 16 years old and I can't get off paxil because of these bursts of disiness and this pain, like pins and needles, shooting through one side of my body. 16 years old...thanks! Make it a controled substance! - United States

Adam J Fortis - Withdrawl from Seroxat seems worse than any depressive episode I have ever had - United Kingdom

Heather Buggy - First and only hospitalization while on Paxil. - USA

Ingelora P. Terpning - My husband has been trying to get off Paxil for 5 years. He is a changed person. So sick all the time. His life is all but ruined. Our children suffer. Our marriage is all but ruined. This has been MUCH WORSE than any of the problems he took Paxil for originally. - USA

Darla Wilder Sergeant - I am having withdrawl symptoms from Paxil - USA

Sr. Dawn Marie, ODC - Side effects and withdrawal have ruined my life. - United States.

Amanda Sayward - I am crying reading all these comments - grateful that I have at last found out why I feel so ill. Discovering that the drug I have been taking is so serious frightens me. I feel so ill, I've been off the tablets completely now for 5 days, having taken them for 3 years. I have weaned myself off slowly, having tried once before unsuccessfully. The dizziness is the worst, the 'shock' like feelings in my hands and head are frightening and the diarrhoea is continuous. How long will this

last? You people seem to know far more than teh doctors do. I am hopeless. Contact me to share, please... - UK

J Sides - The after effects of Paxil have cost much more than the initial problems. - US

Sharon Vaclavik - I am having bad side effects from getting of paxil. My doctor told me that it was not an addicting drug. I have never experience anything like it. He prescribed Klonopin to help with the problems. - USA

Jeff - Im trying to get off Paxil. I feel half drunk all the time. I cant sleep, I have tingling in my limbs and lips and my mood swings are more than average. - USA

Lillian C. Kingsford - Have unsuccessfully tried to discontinue 3 times. Each time experiencing dizziness, problems with coordination and aggression. - USA

Sue Matson - Side effects are bad but trying withdrawal is much worse. Now, they tell me I may have to take it the rest of my life! I hate it. - Sutter

Mike Venneri - the side effects of paxil are far worse than the mild anxiety i was given it for - USA

Janet Suarez - On paxil for 4 years, tried to get off it twice, but unsuccessful. I want to try one more time when i am ready because the side effects feel like if i was a drug addict. - U.S.

Denise Mulkey - I have been trying to stop for 2 months and find myself dizzy and nausous. It is very discouraging. I've been on other antidepress. and have never had trouble feeling sick after stopping them. - USA

Charlotte Weiland - Took Paxil, almost died, suffered wiithdrawal sytoms - USA

Rosemary Linder - Paxil, for one year, has played havoc with my life. When taking the maximum dose of 40 mg, I am so constipated that I go over a week without a bowel movement. When I tried to reduce my dosage, under my internist's direction, I almost had to go to the hospital. I am now down to 15 mg, but it has taken 6 months to do so. And to top it all off, at 49 and never been overweight, I now weigh more that I did when I had

my only child 27 years ago. I tell everyone I meet to run like hell away from Paxil. Something need to be done. - USA

Karla Rosario - I have major withdrawal when I try to go off Paxil and would really like to go off but I feel I am stuck on it! - United States

Pam Cook - I am suffering withdrawels because I lost my job and could not afford to pay for new rx for Paxil. - USA

Sheila Macaulay - Paxil worked great for me until I had to stop using it. It has been a difficult road weaning off of this drug. I don't see how the medical industry can say that Paxil doesn't have adverse effects when quitting it. - Canada

Gregory Ott - Before this website I thought I was the only one that suffered withdrawal symptoms, the zaps I felt, the dizziness, the nausea, the sweats, I thought it was due to trying to get off Paxil but I wasn't sure...I feel both relieved, and saddened that I am not alone. This is a horrible drug, and I can't believe I'm addicted like this. SKB you should be ashamed. - USA

Tina Trussell - I have never experienced anything so frightening as withdrawals from Paxil. - USA

Ellen Mote - Paxil was a choice of treatment for my depression that, had I been adequately forewarned about the problems involved in going off the drug, I would have opted not to take in the first place. I would have chosen, with the help of my physician, a medication with a longer half-life and less slick advertising. Simply seeking relief from depression, I was woefully unprepared for the possible consequences of my uninformed decision to take this drug. I took Paxil for about six months at dosage levels varying from 10 to 40 mg. daily. During my time on the medication I experienced marginal lessening of my depression accompanied by a significant weight gain. In my attempt to go off the drug I have experienced dizziness, nausea, and the perception of "phantom noises" that seem to be emanating from the areas behind my ears. The noises are especially noticeable when I move my head suddenly or am exposed to environmental sounds of a certain frequency such as those coming from refrigerators or motor vehicles going at certain speeds, or even my computer. I have had trouble concentrating and seem to have hearing black outs when the phantom internal sounds block out the real environmental sounds. These experiences have been extremely disconcerting and at times I have felt that they have compromised my safety and the safety of those around me. I can't even spend much time in the refrigerated areas of grocery stores without feeling like a victim and a prisoner of this drug. I am now at a 5 mg. dosage level and hope to be free of this curse very soon. If a huge pharmaceutical corporation such as SmithKline Beecham and the FDA can push these drugs to market and on the public, they should

take more responsibility for adequately informing the public about the possible complications involved in trying to free oneself of dependency on these drugs. How can we make informed choices about our health if this type of information is not readily available and offered freely?. - USA

Joseph A Lo Guidice - I tapered off from 20 mg under medical supervision and I am suffering! - United States

Kevin Lynam - Paxil had positive results for me, but I have been unable to quit the medication. The side effects of quitting are horrible and very, very real. - USA

Jennifer Harrel - This drug has made my life hell for the last two years! - USA

Laurie Herr - I initially started taking Paxil for mild anxiety-you know, the kind of stresses that life brings. I wanted to be a better mom and wife and thought that maybe Paxil would help. Since my doctor was totally ignorant of the withdrawal symptoms-and in fact assured me that there were none-I am sad to say that I was a more loving mom and wife before the medicine. I am now trying to get off the drug. I have many of the side effects that are common-the zaps, irritability, trouble concentrating, nausea, physical pain-and these greatly affect how I perform as a mom as I am cranky much of the time. But as bad as these are, the worse one by far is when my son asks, "Mommy, are you mad at me?" - USA

Maureen Beeby - I am 18 years old and have been taking paxil for the past four and a half years, starting at 5mgs and at one point was up to 40 mgs (50 mgs is the maximum dosage allowed). When I began this medication, no one told me of any kind of withdrawal symptoms or dependency problems associated with Paxil, but I know better now. Several times in the past 4 1/2 years I have been without my medication for one reason or another, and it has made me incredibly sick. I was so nauseated, weak, groggy, and depressed that I couldn't drag myself out of bed. These withdrawal symptoms would start the morning after the day I didn't take the pill, and would last until I began to take the medication again. If I had been informed of these debilitating side effects in the beginning, I never would have touched it, and would have been much better off. I'm currently trying to get off paxil by slowly reducing my dose, but I'm still experiencing these withdrawal symptoms. Please, SmithKline Beecham, spare others from what I've been through with Paxil! If you aren't willing to take the product off the market completely, at least warn consumers in all your advertisements and on labels and such of the frequency with which these horrible withdrawal symptoms occur. - USA

Brad Rayburn - I suffered severe withdrawal years ago at a time when nobody knew (or was telling) about the debilitating "Electric Zap" symptom. I suffered tremendous stress and fear at that time. - USA

James Rogers - Im having a very hard time tapering from 30 mg. I get to 15 and can't reduce from there. Frustrated!! - USA

Joseph Hoffman - I am a Ph.D. Candidate in history at a highly respected university. I made the mistake of trusting a doctor at Student Health who prescribed a low dose of Paxil when I sought care for a mild sleep disorder. Feeling burned-out and in a general "funk," the school psychiatrist pushed Paxil combined with Ambien. I wish to God that I had insisted on trying the Ambien alone first. After taking Paxil for nine months, I had gained thirty pounds. (Previously I was an accomplished whitewater kayaker and altitude backpacker). Where I had once been a highly energetic individual and doctoral student, Paxil transformed me into an unfeeling globule of fecal matter. After consulting with a real physician, ie one not employed by student health, I was told that he would NEVER prescribe Paxil because of its withdrawal concerns. Together we decided to abandon the "Paxil therapy." I had prepared by weening myself down to a mere 10mg per day (from a high of 20mg). I experienced what could only be described as cranial electrical shocks and general disorientation. However, after completely dropping Paxil, the true horror began. For nearly a week I felt like I was going to lose my mind and, in fact, encouraged my wife to hide my handgun for fear of what might become of me or what I might be capable of doing. It has been two months now and while my condition has improved considerably, I am still experiencing nausea, disorientation and those persistent electrical shocks. The way I see it, SKB owes me for nine months of my life. I too would like to meet those who took part in the "clinical studies." - USA

LeeAnn W. Elkins - withdrawal symptoms should be discussed openly with patients & doctors- they are real - US

Susan Summers - This is hell!!!! - USA

Gina Godwin - I have never done drugs and yet I feel like I am in detox trying to quit the Paxil! - United States

Lisa Zurita - 3 different doctors told me I couldn't be having withdrawals from paxil. I even ended up at the emergency room due to extreme dizziness! - USA

MaryAnn Evans - The withdrawal is very real, don't let anyone try and tell you different. - USA

KIMBERLY D ROEBUCK - I CAN'T GET OFF PAXIL DUE TO SEVERE SIDEAFFECTS. -  
BARROW JUANITA - I REALLY WANT TO GET OFF, BUT I CAN'T. - UNITED STATES

Dawn Hammett - Withdrawal is hell - UK

Marie-Pierre Simard - withdrawal is hell! - Canada

Paula Goldstein - I have been on Paxil for several years, and have had good results for the problems that it was prescribed for. My concern is that when I have missed a dose or two, or have tried to stop taking Paxil, I become quite ill. Tell me...Is this NORMAL? How do I stop taking this drug, and NOT become so SICK? - USA

Jay Greenberg - Terrible suffering with withdrawal from Paxil - USA

Susie Hintz - My niece is on paxil and cannot get off or she gets deathly sick. This is not right. - USA

Deidra Lamb - A living hell! - USA

Kimberly A. Kohler - The withdrawl from this medication is absolutely AWFUL!!! Your company should let people know about this before starting this drug. Had I known this in advance I would have NEVER taken this drug!!! I'm appalled!!!! - USA

TyAnne Frields - Have been unsuccessful at withdrawing from Paxil four times due to severe withdrawal symptoms - USA

Van Widener - paxil has changed my life for the worst,while coming off paxil lost my job,and my family - USA

Judy McAuley - I would not have accepted my prescription for Paxil if I had had any idea of its subsequent withdrawal symptoms...even with tapering the dosage, withdrawal symptoms have impeded my abilitliy to function normally on a day to day basis - Canada

KAY SMITH - BAD WITHDRAWAL SYMPTOMS - U.S.A. BULLOCH COUNTY

Stacy L. Singer - This Paxil withdrawl is hell. Had I had been told about the potential withdrawl symptoms - I would have never began taking this medicine. - USA

Norma Harris - I witnessed my sister attempting withdrawal from Paxil and she was violently ill. She had to go back to her normal dosage until her doctor returns from vacation. She doesn't know yet what his plan will be to get her off of this medication. She thought at one point she was having a mental breakdown due to the severity of the withdrawal symptoms. I was very, very worried about her. - USA

Jan - I wish my doctor/pharmacist would have warned me about the bad side effects this drug causes, including the massive weight gain that replaced the anxiety with profound depression. Also, the withdrawal symptoms are a nightmare!! I would advise anyone considering this drug to look at other alternatives first. - USA

Charles A. Deaderick - Withdrawal from Paxil is causing severe emotion and mental trauma...I'm 13 years old!! Help!! - United States

GM Watral - Paxil worked great for my anxiety and depression. I had experienced the "brain shocks" when I missed a dose. Recently, I missed two doses and became very ill. The doctors have to know what to inform their patients when they prescribe this medicine. It worked for me, but I'm afraid to get off. - USA

Arlene Stachura - I have gained 30 pounds on your wonder drug. I have been trying to cut my dosage down, I can't stand the withdrawal, I need help! - USA

Susan Coles - Sleeplessness due to the "Electric shock-like symptoms" not to mention other withdrawal effects have made my life a "HELL" these past four weeks. SKB-you screwed up!!!! Thank God for the people in CA!!!! - Harris County, Texas

Shirley Lawrence - suffering severe withdrawal symptoms/Paxil - USA

J. A. Peacock - Shame on You skb - WITHDRAWAL IS HELL!!! - USA

Janet Tubergen - Paxil had been a wonder drug for me... but in withdrawal is turning into a nightmare drug. - USA

Gayle Dreelan - I have been on paxil for 5 yrs.now ,worked great for me.Have tried several times to get off,but cant.in the process of weaning myself again but have terrible terrible withdrawal symptoms such as memory loss,cant focus,cant think straight,dizziness,equal librium off,light headed,have night sweats,very irritable,if i turn too fast,i feel like my eyes dont catch up with my brain.i cant retain

information/conversations.i feel like my brain cells are slowly disintegrating/early alzheimers.this drug truly has been a nightmare for me.even ended up in the emergency room with flu-like symptoms and headache from hell when trying to quit cold turkey. HOPE WE CAN ALL GET THRU THIS ORDEAL ASAP!! - USA RENO NEVADA

AIan Forrester - Never experienced such a hell. I feel like a heroin addict. - CANADA

Theresa Lampman - I am very against this drug!!! it ruined and almost took my life as well as ruined my marriage. I am very angry that my family had to go through the severe suicidal depression that I experienced when coming off this drug to this day my children get fearful that i am going to take my life when i get upset about something despite my constant reassurance that i wont do that to them. They have lost an innocence and sense of security because of this drug. it should be taken off the market!! it is an extremely dangerous drug If I knew I could sue someone for my pain and suffering I would hire a lawyer immediately. No human being should have to suffer as I did its absolutely sickening that someone with an MD could subject a person to that type of living hell its was torture. - USA

Marie Andre - side effects suck being on it. Can not think straight and have memory loss. I have been on paxil for over a year now. I must of gained about 50lbs. My doctor is going to help me get off of it. So it loks like I'm going to have one hell off a journey..Wish me luck!! - U.S.A

Susan A Shaner - had i known how drastically paxil would ruin my life i would have never taken it. - United States

Paula Sherry - I have take Paxil for 5 years. It probably helped with the original depression, but the 80 lb. weight gain sure hasn't helped! My Dr. assured me that weight gain wasn't a side effect. I don't believe it. Now I have quit taking Paxil "cold-turkey" and the withdrawl is Terrible! I am dizzy, nauseated, tingle all over to the point I can't sleep for more than a few hours a night. It's been 2 week, I sure hope it gets better!!! - USA

Mark Watson worst drug I have ever taken. - UK

Brian Roux - I am going trough withdrawl now, and your company is to blame. Shame on you. - USA

Yvonne Recchia - I am going through withdrawl and it sucks. - USA

Sue Arnold - I have attempted 3 times to get off Paxil and I get so sick. I thought I was bringing this on myself, because my doctor told me that it couldn't be the paxil. I started taking Paxil again because I couldn't take how bad I felt. So now I am at square one again, and I want to get off of this, but I am so afraid to get that sick again. The brain zap thing that everyone on this web site has described is so real. I have never felt anything like it before. I am a Mom and need to be well for my children. I feel somewhat happy that I have found the reason why I was feeling so sick. I new that Paxil was the cause but no one would back me up. I would drive my kids to school and have to pull off the main street to puke out the door. This has happened many times. I am going to try again to get off, but I am scared. told - Ohio- USA

Karen Gouldman - Doctor's should advise patients of withdrawal symptoms prior to prescribing the medicine. When we feel ill, sometimes we are so desperate for help that we fail to ask about side affects or withdrawals. The medicine worked great until I decided to stop due to the advise of my obgyn. - USA

SHARON GUADAGNO - 6YRS ON PAXIL VERY BAD WITHDRAWAL SYMPTOMS..STARTED BACK NOT KNOWING I WAS ADDICTED TO PAXIL - USA

Dylan Monrow - its not a good drug, it messed me up.. - USA

JULIA STROUD - I am currently suffering from horrible withdrawal symptoms from Paxil. I was never told that these symptoms could occur. I missed 2 doses and am off work today to get myself back in "working order" due to these symtoms. I feel like a prisoner in my own body. - USA

Leslie Valente - Worked wonders at first, but try getting off this drug o runing out and not being able to afford to get it refilled. You have nightmares from hell, as if your on some kind of bad LSD trip from the 60's. And the terrible mood swings th drug creates when that was why it was prescribed for in te first place in my case. For PMS. Drug from Hell! - USA

Mechelle Calvert - Paxil has stolen so much time from myself, my husband and my 3 children, we will never get this time back. - USA

Nicole Neal this drug has made my life a living hell. i am currently going through horrible withdrawls and i cannot function. no one deserves to go through this. - USA

Bella Evenhaim - paxil screwed my life - Florida

Julia Morgan - While on Paxil (20mg for 3 years) I experienced practically nonstop menstrual bleeding. I took hormone pills, had D&Cs and was tested for tumors, cancer, etc. I almost had a hysterectomy! The moment I stopped taking this drug, my periods were completely normal! Also, a hideous withdrawal! - USA

Karla Schnettgoecke - PURE HELL - USA

Laurel Ellen Cameron - horrible withdrawal symptoms - USA

Mark Kreuzwieser Been taking Paxil as prescribed since fall 1994; up to 40 megs a day now. Have tried tapering off several times under strict psychiatric supervision and have been unsuccessful. Take for depression.  
- USA

Jared Heltemes - the withdrwl effects are a horrible nightmare - United States

Amy H. McKinney - I am just now attempting to withdraw from nearly six years on Paxil. I am learning that much of the ailments that I've experienced in these years could be attributed to Paxil usage? I am sad about this information. I believe that Paxil did help me at the beginning... - US

Bruce Sparks - Paxil, "THE WONDER DRUG"; what a crock. My wife was put on Paxil for severe anxiety due to the ill health of her son. From day 1, her life had been hell. Other than the feeling of not knowing anything, total loss of ability to function mentally with any clarity, there was the very large weight gain, which only compounded the depression and insecurity about herself. She would tell me how she felt dizzy, numb, and disoriented all the time. She repeatedly asked her doctor to help her. All he did was increase the Paxil to 20 mg / 3 times a day. Well, do you really want to know what hell is like? She can tell you. Her life was turned upside down and sideways. She did not know it was the Paxil that was doing this to her. Her doctor had reassured her that it was just her depression, not the Paxil. After about 6 months she could not take it any more and threw her bottle of Paxil away. She quit "Cold Turkey". Ok, so we knew what hell was while she was on the Paxil, well there is a place worse than hell and she was there for about 3 months after she quit taking it . Everything imagineable was happening to her, hallucinations, dizziness so bad she would stagger when she walked, I would find her cowering in a corner with her head on her knees, crying. She felt that her world had fallen apart, she could no longer trust herself, me, or the kids. All the world was against her and she wanted to die. Its been over a year and she's managing day to day but is suffering terribly with severe abdominal pain. We have to wonder if their isn't a connection. She

is still trying to loose the weight that she had gained , a total of 85 lbs. in all, only 55 lbs. to go. My daughter was taking Paxil for about three weeks. She had missed a dose and started feeling some the same symptoms my wife did, dizziness, hallucinations, weird dreams, you name it. Luckily we managed to get her off of the so called "wonder drug" without to much trouble. How can SmithKline Beecham continue to market a product that is proving repeatedly to be harmful. Why did they not know what was going to happen and how can a drug be approved without releasing the research done on the side effects as well as the withdrawl. In all honesty, I feel that the RCMP should do a thorough investigation into all the suicides recorded since Paxil became available. I have to wonder if they wouldn't find some shocking results. - Alberta, Canada

Whitney Thompson - I feel like I am in hell. I have been trying to taper from 30 mg a day to 15 to nothing over the last 10 days per my doctor's instruction, and I feel like i am going insane. I had to leave work due to the extreme dizziness, zaps and hot flashed that make me feel like i am going to die any moment. Had I known these would be the side effects of withdrawing, I would NEVER had started taking this horrid pill. - US

Jeannine Goguen - freedom to choose is gone forever - Canada

Teresa M. Busha - You're company needs to give help to people ,like myself, who have tried every thing with my doctors help to come off this DRUG . My system will not allow me to come off it. I've tried tapering off ,40mgfor a mth.,30mg a mth.,20mg a mth,and so on. HELPME PLEASE! The drug was given after the devastating premature birth of my fourth child followed by a hysterect. - Anderson

Max Kohn - Missed Paxil 2 days and suffered big time :( - USA

Don Johnson - I have been on 25 mg a day for over a year and decided it was time to get off of this stuff. The ZAPS are real folks, and the headaches are real along with the cloudy head. - USA

Madalena R. Carrera - My sister has been on Paxil for at least 10 yrs and it's been a living hell! Her husband divorced her over a year ago. She was put on a 42 hr observation at a psychiatric hospital and then after she was released days after Thanksgiving she overdosed on her medication, she was then taken back to the hospital put on another 42 hour observation and when they released her she overdosed again and was back in for a longer time and back on Paxil. I'm convinced that she is addicted to Paxil. She's been living with 2 sisters, 1 of them has moved out and the other will move out in this summer. My sister Alicia (the one on paxil) has no where to go, may become homeless. My mother cannot let her stay at her place, she takes care of small children. I cannot let her stay at my place, I have a 3 1/2 yr old daughter and I can't trust her while she's still on Paxil and connected to someone else who will soon be

released from the mental hospital. My sister Alicia has exhibited every adverse psychological reaction to Paxil. She can't keep a job., she's very unstable. She was put on Paxil for obsessive compulsive disorder and she was never physically diagnosed by a non-psychiatric doctor for any medical health problem which may have caused the OCD in the first place. Also has depression and was also never given a thorough medical exam. She's been convinced by the mental health field that she needs to stay on medication. The field has not offered any real solutions, just given her a bunch of "talk therapy". My family is in a complete panick. - USA

Amelia Moniz - If I had known about this withdrawal, I would have never taken this product. My depression was due to my husband's terminal illness and going through this withdrawal has been devastating. - San Diego, CA

Tammy Daniel - Paxil IS addictive...and the doctors prescribing it are misinformed to this fact. This is my first experience with an addiction, and I have considered placing myself in a "Drug Rehab Program". Paxil should be an illegal drug! - United States

Pamela J. Antoine - WITHDRAWAL FROM THIS DRUG IS HORRIBLE - USA

Sharon H. Wagner - I have tried to get off Paxil twice and the withdrawals are horrible. No one should have to go through this for a drug your doctor prescribed to initially help you. - USA

Jean Mitchell - This drug should be taken off the market. I was given this for treatment of anxiety associated with menopause and after 4 days I was trying to get out of my skin. This will cause people to have suicidal thoughts just to get over the feeling of wanting to get out of their crawling skin. This is a dangerous drug. - USA

David E. Wilkinson - My niece is suffering from Paxil withdrawal even though she has never taken any kind of drugs. - United States

Patricia Tedder - After months of withdrawal and the effects of what took place during the withdrawal I would rather die than go back on this drug. I thought I was at one time. - U.S.A.

DANIELLE PEREIRA - I HAVE BEEN TAKING PAXIL FOR ALMOST 6 MONTHS.IF I WOULD HAVE KNOWN OR BEEN WARNED ABOUT THE WITHDRAWAL ISSUES,I PROMISE YOU I NEVER WOULD HAVE STARTED.IT IS HORRIBLE.I REGRET EVER HAVING STARTED TAKING THIS DRUG. - CANADA

Melanie Johnston - Severe withdrawal including: "electric shock impulses," horrific nightmares, shaking, sweating, uncontrollable crying, etc... - USA

Joshua Gordon - I have tried repeatedly to discontinue using paxil. The withdrawal is severe and I can't manage to do it, whether I taper or stop abruptly. - USA

Joyce Maynard - since taking Paxil I feel like a zombie, all I do is sit in a chair, more depressed than ever. I have tried to quit and it was more HELL!!! than staying on it. They should TAKE IT OFF THE MARKET!!! - USA

Angela Massey - This drug is evil, no one told me the side effects could become so real. I hate this drug and I think people should be told about the things it can do to your body and mind. - USA

Shannon Hoff - I have tried to stop taking paxil, five times now. The withdrawal gets so bad I can't deal with my children. So I guess till I have 6 weeks where I can lock myself up and come down, I will be taking paxil. - USA

Judy Heberger - My daughter was put on Paxil when she was 14 years old. This was 8 months ago. She was having panic attacks and was told that Paxil would be a wonderful drug for her to go on. She started at 20 mg and was increased to 30 mg. At the time she was put on 30 mg, there was a drastic change in her personality. She started to have suicidal thoughts, slept all the time, became very moody, and has not been wanting to eat. She is a totally different person!!! I had a suspicion that it was the Paxil probably, so I came here to find some answers. I wanted her off! So, when I came here I could NOT believe the HORROR stories about this drug!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! And my child is ONLY 15 YEARS OLD!!! WHAT IS WRONG WITH PEOPLE!!!!!!!!!! BAN this drug!!!!!!!!!! It is only ruining lives!!!!!!!!!! Now my daughter will have to go through some kind of living hell to get off this drug and I won't even know what she will be going through!!!!!! - US

John D. Geringer - I've never used any type of illegal substances. So when I tried to quit taking paxil the withdrawal symptoms were horrible. I was hearing sounds or voices and my ears would pop and I would get very dizzy. Now I can't miss even miss one dose without some sort of withdrawal. I'm addicted to this stuff, I don't have the anxiety I had before but I also lost my sex drive, so now my marriage is suffering because my wife thinks I'm not attracted to her and it's not that at all. Hopefully I don't lose her over this. They don't make a medication for that - USA

Nichole Taylor - Quit cold turkey, and I wasn't told, nor did I expect that I would go through hell....I hope that this will end soon, and I would NEVER take it or recommend it again! - Canada

Jacqueline A. Whitney - I am attempting withdrawal now; it is very difficult, so much dizziness can barely stand it - USA

Scott Stedman - I encouraged my ex-wife to start Paxil to help deal with stress. It was deemed safe. I took her to emergency yesterday to deal with the withdrawal effects. If I'd had this information, the truth!, I would have never encouraged her to start it in the first - Canada

Pamela R. Johnson - Currently going through a very REAL withdrawal - Dakota County

C. Walters - My physician abruptly switched me from Paxil to Celexa. After asking specifically about a slow cut back on the Paxil, she said that it was not necessary. I am extremely dizzy to the point of falling over. I am afraid to drive my car because I can not turn my head quickly without losing focus. I am nauseus and have been unable to sleep. A plan must be given to patients that need to make a change. I have also gained 20 pounds in less that 1 year. - USA

Lauren Baker - I was only using 20mg of Paxil for about two years and am experiencing most of the withdrawal symptoms. - Canada

Christina - I was told it wasn't addictive and now I can't stop it because the withdrawal stmpptoms are so horrible! - US

Andy Wildman - How on earth do I come off this drug? I've tried (slowly) and I felt like I was going to die. No one told me to expect this... - England

Chuck Orton - Trying to get off Paxil after 5 years - USA

Janet L. Hodge - The withdrawal feels like it's killing me. - USA

Martha - I was on Paxil for just over 1yr...side effects were horrible, and coming off was impossible...I had to switch to another SSRI just to get the Paxil out of my system...scary medication!!! - Canada

Alisa Standley - My doctor has put me on Paxil and now I can't get off without having withdrawal symptoms, even though I have tapered off slowly. Please do not tell me doctor, that Paxil is not addictive, that it is not withdrawals that I am having, and that it is my fault that I have gained 30 (THIRTY!) pounds in the last two months. - Sumner

Jennifer Goodwin - I took Paxil for 8 years mainly for OCD, depression and anxiety. Although it was excellent for my OCD, I decided to stop the Paxil because I felt confident that with the knowledge I acquired over the years and soon to follow a CBT program for OCD, I decided to stop Paxil. This was my third time trying to get off. Previously, I had mistaken withdrawal symptoms for a relapse and had to get back on the drug because of what my doctor and pharmacist told me. They didn't know of the severity of the withdrawal symptoms. I've been off the Paxil for 8 days now and tapered slowly for 3 months. It was extremely difficult and still is. I still have confusion upon awakening, panic attacks I didn't have before, severe diarrhea every morning, and a lot of anxiety. Knowing what I know now I never would have taken the Paxil. If I took medication in the first place it's because I wasn't feeling well. Now on top of dealing with my issues, I have to deal with the withdrawal symptoms I feel are draining me of my energies which I need to focus on getting better. I find myself having more problems now than I originally had. It is definitely psychologically and physically addictive and feel that I have been robbed of some time in our lives. The time we spend suffering through the withdrawal should be time given to work on ourselves. Instead we end up with more emotional and physical problems than before. The worst part is feeling so alone because there aren't any doctors who know enough about this. I wish I could find a doctor who knows what I'm going through and help me somehow. I pray God every day. Smithkline Beecham, you have to take your responsibilities towards people like us. We are now drug addicts. I never thought this would happen. - Canada

Vera McGuinness - The symptoms of withdrawal are horrific, even though I'm not a drug abuser. Paxil shouldn't be given to anyone else; addiction is a terrible, terrible thing. - USA

Debi Gould 3 years on it--can't get off - USA

ELISE N. PIERCE - PAXIL WITHDRAWAL SYNDROME IS NO LESS WORSE THEN A HEROIN OR COCAINE ADDICT GOING THROUGH WITHDRAWAL. IT IS TOO BAD THAT SO MANY PEOPLE HAVE COMMITTED SUICIDE AND /OR THOUGHT ABOUT IT, INCLUDING MYSELF. IT IS TOO BAD THAT NO ONLY MYSELF HAS TO GO THROUGH PURE HELL WHILE "WEANING" FROM PAXIL, THAT MY CHILDREN AND HUSBAND HAVE TO GO THROUGH THIS NIGHTMARE AS WELL. TRY EXPLAINING THIS TO YOUR CHILD..... - U.S.A.

Debbie - No withdrawal symptoms? Ha! I had them for well over a month & the 'zaps' for over 3 months... Buyer BEWARE! - Canada

Lisa Mann - I have begun Tapering off with a dr's help this month. one side effect is that I can actually HEAR my eyes when they move. It is like a swooshing sound. This usually happens when I get the ZAPS. - USA

Cheryl D - I didn't want to take a prescribed medication for my anxiety and depression but my doctor told me Paxil was a great drug to help me. I admit I became a changed person (for the better) after starting Paxil but after 2 years I wanted to stop taking it. I've tried several different ways to taper off of this medication but the withdrawal symptoms are horrible. The worst are the "zaps" and the flu like symptoms and the HORRIBLE dreams. The funny thing is my doctor told me Paxil wasn't addictive. Maybe not but how the hell do you stop? More information need to be made available to the doctors and the public. Put the information into the little drug insert fine print. If I'd have known I would have tried another alternative. - USA

James C. Brinson - I wished that the creator of paxil could develop a med to eliminate the withdrawl symptoms. - USA

Ramona K. Hovey - While Paxil was wonderful while taking it., the withdrawal has been horrible. I have been very gradually weaning off, but yesterday spent the day in tears when everytime I moved my eyes I wanted to throw up. I also cried more than I did before the Paxil. - USA

Juli Gross - I had severe withdrawal symptoms while coming off paxil and would like to see this drug removed from the market. - US

Wendy Sipkens - Hard to quit this drug. I've been on it for 3 years. - Canada

Scott Olsen - I am so far gone, I don't know what to say.... I want my brain back. This company will pay. - Canada

Deidre Smith - Terrible withdrawal side effects - USA

Henry Fischbacher very nasty withdrawel side effects with paxil - USA

Edith Cimaglia - warnings would be nice i had no idea i'd go crazy if i forgot to take it, until i did forget and now i'm suffering. this is pure hell and i dont think i can take it! - US

Cara Nolan - The withdrawel is almost as worse as the panic attacks I had before I took Paxil. - USA

Christina King - Prescribed for me due to irritability associated with menopause and now I can't get off of it! extreme vertigo...I only take 10 mg a day and have cut back to 5mg and still get sick as a dog! this is

ridiculous. I am a single mom trying to support a family by myself and I can't afford to be sick or miss any work. - USA

Greta Rose - This drug has sent me on a rollercoaster of nasty withdrawals. - USA

Dawn Gilgen - I am doing this because a friend of mine is very sick because she is no longer taking Paxil, the side effects are awful - Dakota

M. H. Allen - Have gone "cold turkey". Now on day 5 and I am totally useless to myself and others! Can't sleep and just want to sit around all day. Sitting around only makes the "zaps" worse so I'm spending my days staggering around the yard and my nights watching old movies. Horrible, horrible time! - Mississippi - USA

Sarah Miller Nagy - I have been suffering from Paxil withdrawal for the past 2 months. This is a highly dangerous drug that is too freely prescribed. Everyone should be warned against the painful and disturbing withdrawal effects. - USA

AMY MCCRABB - IT MADE ME GAIN 40 POUNDS AND THEN AFTER WEENING OFF SLOWLY I AM HAVING SEVERE WITHDRAWLS AND CRYING ALOT - USA

Angie - This horribe drug has taken me to hell and back...I am now off paxil but 40 pounds heavier and I don't think the "zaps" will ever end! - U.S.A

Jon Markos - I was a calm and very caring person before taking this mind altering drug. Since taking paxil I have committed numerous violent acts, I've stolen from my friends, broken into houses, and nearly blew my head off. Now I am experiencing withdrawals. I think this drug should be taken off the market immediatly. These drugmakers are seeking profit from the misery of others. They lie, and we must pray that God is merciful to them for their lies. The more I see of lies the more I smell the stentch of lies the more I hate them. Im trying to find a lawyer that will help me sue their asses. - United States

Samantha M. Nannen - Paxil has ruined my life, and because of the withdrawl symptoms I have experienced while decreasing my dosages, I am afraid to discontinue the medication. It has also contributed to me gainig over 65 lbs. What's worse is the fact that I still suffer from depression, the medicine doesn't even help. - United States of America

Mark Altom - My life has been hell from withdrawls for the last ninety days- possible nerve damage plus more - USA

Anna - I was in a relationship with someone on Paxil. The withdrawal he went through destroyed our relationship. The withdrawal made him question all of his feelings, remember things that were not real and forget events that were reality, verbally abusive, and exhibit an unfamiliar amount of rage and anger. - Canada

Tracie Carmichael - can't get off this drug, it is screwing up my life!!  
- Canada

Teresa Randolph - I am trying to quit this awful drug, I feel worse now than when I started it, I wouldn't wish what I am going through to my worst enemy! - USA

Leslie Boisvert - I had EXTREME side effects coming off this drug - US

K Paschal - Awful withdrawal symptoms!!! - Tarrant

Barbara R. Schramm - Not only can I not withdraw from Paxil safely I need to keep increasing the dosage in order to not suffer side affects which are not unlike the symptoms of MS (i.e. electrical-like jolts that course through my body from the bottoms of my feet to and including my neck, upon walking, sitting or any other activity!) My heart is also becoming involved. The entire electrical system of my body seems to be affected. - U.S.A.

Amanda Eddins - The withdrawal symptoms are awful and I was never made aware of that up front and was told there was no adverse reactions - USA

Jessica Javed - I am going thru very bad withdrawal, for 8 days. Even felt like suicide and couldnt control my actions don't know how long i have to go thru this but I do know other people should never be put on paxil and not know what they will have to face both physically and emotionally. i pray to god everyday to get me thru this alive and help everyone who is and will have this withdrawal. This drug needs to be taken off the market. - Anchorage, AK, USA

Jennifer Ferguson - I was on Paxil just 2 months. I developed tingling, tremors, etc. Dr.'s suggested MS, all denied it was the Paxil. The neurologist suggested that it was all due to hyperventilating. I thought it might be Paxil and asked him how to wean myself off. He said just stop taking it - you won't have any probelms or side effects. After two weeks

of misery I'm still suffering with severe muscle cramping and various other symptoms. It's a scary, scary drug. - USA

Thomas H. McLamb - I am suffering from withdrawer pain right now - U.S.

Deborah J Kincaid - I started taking Paxil to help end one nightmare little did I know I was entering a whole new nightmare - USA

Devra - I was on a small dose of paxil which was suppose to take away my stomach pain and depression, I was on paxil for only a week and when my mom saw what kind of a hell i was going through and how sick i became with all the side effects, she made me stop taking it. Thank God i'm better now because of my mom but please don't make others suffer like hell because of that anti-depressant! - Canada

Kelly Dean-Bailey - Getting off of this medication is hellish. Had I known of the addictive properties, and what it must be doing to my body as a result, I would have never taken it. - US

Jennifer T - Use of Paxil has been, by far, the worst experience of my life. I'd give anything to not have started taking this drug. New users, please beware... there simply aren't sufficient words to address what's happened to my life since Paxil became a part of if. - Canada

Leesa - I hate this drug. I think it should be removed from the market. From the weight gain, decreased libido, and the withdrawal side effects...I think SKB should face up to what they have done, and remove this drug. However, perhaps they want to keep poeple hooked...increases their bank accounts... - Canada

Samantha Haynes - I'm 17 years old going on 18. I don't smoke, drink, do (illegal) drugs, or commit crimes. I've been on Paxil since I was 16 to treat my social anxiety disorder and mild depression. Then I thought Paxil was doing me some good. I even defended it from family members who thought it was doing me more harm than good. Recently I decided to quit the therapy I was involved in because I felt my anxiety was gone. Subsequently I tried to quit the Paxil. To my shock and dismay (literally) I found that trying to get off the drug was causing me more anxiety than I had in the beginning. Body shocks and tremors and sensitivity to just about everything are only a few of the symptoms accompanied with Paxil withdrawl. I'm not even an adult yet and here I've already developed an unwarranted addiction, a psychological dependence to a drug I'm doing all within my internal willpower to avoid. Thanks a lot SmithKline Beecham or Glaxo SmithKline, whichever you are. Thank you very much):- ( - United States Of America

Sherrie Reeves - Paxil is a nightmare. The cure is worse than the cause.  
- U.S.

Adam Raud - After 7 months on 30mg of Seroxat, i have now reduced to 20mg. A week after the reduction, i am now feeling terrible. I am experiencing severe stomach pain and diarrrohea, nausea, dizziness and "brain shivers". Would it not be pertinent to take on board the personal testimony of all those who experience similar withdrawal symptoms and use it to try and eliminate them, or at least warn people adequately of the possible side effects of withdrawal. - Britain

Mark - Withdrawing from Paxil caused me cluster migranes. I was in the headache clinic for 4 days with a morphine drip. - USA

John Doan - 6 year user tried to get off the last 2, no luck - United States

Jennifer Mikus - I myself am not on Paxil but my fiance is. His doctor took him off the medication cold turkey, and gave him no for warning of the side effects. He has had every possible withdrawl symptom imaginable. The doctors said there was no side effects, SKB said there were no side effects or withdrawl symptoms, my fiance has been going threw hell and now unfortunatly is back on the poison they call paxil. My family is slowly falling apart at the seams and we now know its do to this "medication" I myself refer to it as SATAN. I wish you all the best of luck I hope and pray this petition will do some good in order to protect any future patients of the world whose Dr. may try to prescribe them this hell. - United States

Brent Momeny - If I didn't know right from wrong and have to fight urges something very bad could've happened during my withdrawels...now I'm back on it and hooked like a fish. I'm scared to get off of it due to what might happen if without proper counseling and support. What could happen you may ask? we see it in the news everyday now don't we. SKB you mother f@%&ers. If I wanted a bad acid trip with suicidal and homicidal tendicies for the rest of my life I would join a cult. I guess I have now in a way. - United States of America

George Nobilski - My wife has been suffering with many of the listed withdrawal syptoms listed. This drug is terrible - and should be taken off the market. - USA

B. Knorr - You MUST do Something -- Withdrawal Suffering is Unbearable. You must have a plan for people who want to come off of this drug! - USA

Nancy Morris - I am going through severe parenthesis in my unsuccessful attempt at discontinuing Paxil. My withdrawal symptoms are acute & iniquitous, particularly in light of no informed consent regarding addiction & withdrawal issues. I feel criminally mislead by SmithKline Beecham's Paxil drug insert. Said insert, as well as my doctor's PDR

information let us to believe that Paxil was non-addictive, with no withdrawal. SmithKline Beecham was grossly negligent in its dishonest portrayal of Paxil. I was not cognizant of any problems with addiction & withdrawal regarding Paxil; in fact, advertisement campaigns seemed to imply the antithesis, that Paxil was problem-free. This warrants immediate FDA action regarding Paxil & SmithKline Beecham. SmithKline Beecham likewise needs to provide those of us with severe withdrawal issues with lmg. increments of paroxetine HCL (Paxil), whereby allowing us an exacting laboratory- measured dosage for withdrawal purposes. It is very dangerous to "shave" Paxil tablets rather than have easy access to 1 mg. increments. The withdrawal is so debilitating, that I feel in grave danger of operating my motor vehicle, & have had to "nibble"an approximation of 1-2 mg. of a 10 mg Paxil while driving down a highway. This withdrawal process has been going on for me for too long of a time. I am incurring exorbitant medical bills for this painful withdrawal process. SmithKline Beecham should be held liable for expenses, as well as probably future neurological damage. With the peripheral neuropathy & parenthesis I am experiencing, it will be amazing if there were not residual damage. A nationwide class-action suit against SmithKline Beecham is clearly in order. - USA

June Mitzel - I never would have started taking Paxil, if my doctor had informed me that I would suffer anything even close to what I am experiencing, at my current dosage of 10mg from 20mgs per day. - USA

Margo Thompson - I am miserable withdrawing from Paxil. - USA

Deanna Christman - terrible withdrawel symptoms - U.S.A.

Janet Weber - This is a horrible drug that should be removed from sale to unsuspecting people. It is next tp impossible to withdraw without feeling like it's the most torture possible. Brain and boby zaps, dizziness, visual and auditory distortions, nausea, diarrhea, headaches, the most weird and scary nightmares causing completely rotten sleep, feelings of flu, muscle aches, chills, sweats, and zaps almost continuously. This is awful to be allowed to happen. These withdrawal effects should be made public so people can make up their own minds rather than be pulled into this drugs addiction. This drug is highly dangerous and should be discontinued for sale IMMEDIATELY before there are any more innocent victims. This company has ruined enough people's lives for too long and it is time they came to their senses and did the right thing and REMOVE THIS ADDICTIVE SUBSTANCE NOW!!!!!!!!!!!!!! - USA

D Wright - terrible side effects. This medicine needs banning. - England

Louetta Sutton - Terrible unknown withdraw effects - United States

Christina Zelaya - I resent being on this medication (Paxil) because I can not get off of it. It is expensive and debilitating. -Orange

S. Renee Dias - This drug is evil, withdrawal is hell. - USA

Elaine Crandall - paxil is a terrible drug and can not get off - US

Anita Smith - I had tremendous withdrawal problems & am still on the drug. - USA

Mary R. Jones - it has stolen "me" & my life!!!!!!!!!!!! - USA

Jackie Gregory - This drug took 4 years of my life away from me. Because it was so overly-marketed to family doctors, my hypothyroidism was mis-diagnosed as depression. This drug should not be marketed for people with depression. It should only be marketed as an anti-axiety drug. - US

Tracey Pinell - Just stopped taking and the w/d symptoms are horrible - America

Nancy Lalonde - Life isn't hell, paxil withdrawal is!!!!!! - Canada

Jessica Boltik - I had a SEVERE reaction to Paxil.....it put my family through the WORST imaginable changes, that still affect us (and myself) everyday!!!!!! - USA

Pink Pill - I can't believe I found this - I thought \*I\* was the only one feeling the zaps, extreme dizziness, lumps, and emotional detachments. I'm 28 and have been on 60 mg of Paxil for a year. I am terrified to come off of it... - Canada

Jennifer Knudson - What the heck ?? I am a very conscientious person...and asked a lot of questions prior to being prescribed Paxil. Initially I was very ill...and was told that these side effects would wear off. They did...but NO ONE EVER EVER told me the horrendous side effects I would have coming off of Paxil. I feel next to death...the nausea, inability to sleep, fuzzy brain, etc...were never told to me. This is unfair reporting...WE NEED TO KNOW. And as a person who works in the research science field....I KNOW THAT YOU KNEW about the side effects and withdrawal. So why didn't you make it public ??????? - Canada

Paula D. Simon - Deception and failure to fully disclose withdrawal side effects should be a crime. If I had known what to expect in weaning from

this drug, I would have reconsidered ever taking it at all. - United States of America

Donna Galbraith - I am trying to come off paxil and it has made my life a living hell. I hope that I have not emotionally damaged my 2 year old due to my severe mood swings. I am very concerned for my well-being not to mention my families. I am spreading the word to all my friends about the dangers of this drug. - USA

Debbie - Started Paxil in 9/2000. Started discontinuation on 7/11/01. This just isn't pretty. - USA

Tina Bomar - This is horrible. I feel so violated. There is no other way to put it. How could this drug company (drug pushers) do this to people?! I was put on Paxil to treat my Depression and though I have not actually tried to quit, I ran out of medication and immediately went into severe withdrawal. I am just grateful to sites like this one that helped me figure out what the problem was and that I wasn't dying. But now I wonder...Will I ever be able to get off this drug? I'd rather die than feel the way I've been feeling these past days without these horrid pills. I am back on it now because I couldn't stand the way I felt. I even asked my doctor about the weight gain and she said that Paxil wouldn't do that, if anything it would cause weight loss. I ask, how is this helping my depression??? Now I am overweight and addicted to a drug!  
- USA

Nicholas Mair - I've been addicted since March 1996 -this contradicts GSKB literature supplied with the drug - UK

Brandy Proffitt - All I have to say is:....this is the worst I have ever felt in my life...since trying to come off Paxil. If only I would've known this before...I would never have started it - USA  
Mary Ann M. Gassen - shame on you - both my doctor and my son who is doctor had no idea of withdrawal like i am experiencing - went through surgery, with complications, 6 weeks ago,, could not sleep, doctor put me on different sleep medications which didn't help - thought I would have had more problems with drowsiness from Paxil than restlessness - right now i am still healing from surgery and suffering from withdrawal systems of Paxil - shame, shame on you - was on Paxil due to husband having bypass after my being shot right between the eyes with a rifle shot coming through my window (we didn't know if i would recover or have brain damage)and having a handicap child to care for - a lot to deal with at the time - although Paxil helped with this - didn't know i would still go through this getting off -please release more data or do more testing - USA

Jim Elmore - i feel like im dying, thank you very much. i was better off before i ever took it. - USA

Olivia A. Burris - Quitting Paxil has been a nightmare to me. I even told my close friends and family on the phone I wish someone would come and shoot me in the head. I have been to the doctor and the emergency room in regards to the withdrawal symptoms and spending in excess of \$2,500.00. - USA

Chery Trudell - Had I known the problems of getting off of this medication, I would NEVER have taken it to begin with. It has made my life miserable. - USA

Elsa R Alfonso - i had severe withdrawal from paxil for one month: nausea, slurred speech, unsteady gait, blurred vision, memory & concentration problems. i still have memory loss and concentration problems three years later. - USA

Johnna Bowman - I was living in hell for months and still not ok - San Diego

Angelita - I feel that they are making alot of money off of people like myself that cannot get off of Paxil because of the side effects. They need to have a detoxing program for those who want to get off the medication.- USA

Angela Gilchrist - I can't bear the withdrawals from paxil. The drug does help me but when I have attempted to cut down or quit, I feel like I might die. Seriously. - USA

Suzanne Albert - Unbearable Withdrawal Symptoms - USA

Deanna Vella I am in the Pharmaceutical Industry (I participate in Clinical Trials as a matter of fact) and I support the industry fully. However, I too am currently experiencing horrible withdrawl symptoms from Paxil that I was completely unaware of. I emprove you to market and label this product appropriately so the public can make informed decisions about taking this drug. - USA

Brenda Swan - I had severe tremors, spasms,shocks while on it - Canada

Megan Tonkovich - withdrawing is a nightmare, I want my life back - US

Robert Aldrich - I've experienced terrible, frightening, never-before experienced feelings in association with Paxil and Paxil withdrawal. My

doctor's advice is more drugs. My decision is to give any subsequent treatment a very close look first. The feelings I experienced while on Paxil were far worse than those I was trying to relieve. - US

Terri Resch - I have taken Paxil for nearly 5 years @ 40mg. I was being tapered off the Paxil, to be replaced with Wellbutrin. I tapered down on the Paxil over 6 weeks. After 10-14 days of being completely off the Paxil, I began to have unanticipated withdrawal symptoms. I wanted to be taken to the hospital! I sincerely thought I was going insane. I wanted a "shot" or something to right my brain. Anger and irritability? I shattered a cast iron skillet into 5 pieces! Suicidal, homicidal, I experienced ALL the uncomfortable symptoms except insomnia (God bless Klonopin). I thought I must have a brain tumor, or that something was terribly wrong. This drug which I believed was saving my life, I now see as a drug with the withdrawal side effects of heroin. Damn you, SmithKline. You nearly took my life. Now I have to be back on the drug just to function. I feel like a low-life crackhead. - United States

Marisa Green - If I only would have known about the hell I am going through before I started Paxil, I would NEVER have taken that first pill - USA

Andrea Schleufer - I sit here with electrical firing going on through my head - lips tingling - massive headache - muscles cramps - severe irritability, rage and sick to my stomach, dry heaves. I break out into severe sweats. Within 30 seconds I am drenched from head to toe and then 5 minutes later and have chills in 80 degree heat. I have vertigo and if I turn my head the ground comes up to me. I am having nightmares so vivid - I feel as though I am awake and fully participating in the nightmares. - USA

Deborah A. Breden - This is the 2nd time I have tried to get off of this medicine and the withdrawal symptoms keep me from going to work and functioning normal. This was suppose to be a non-addicting drug. How do you explain this? - USA

Martha C. Crossley - I tried suicide on Paxil and my 17 year marriage ended. This drug is dangerous. I am not the same person anymore. I am trying to get off Paxil after 4 1/2 years and the symptoms of withdrawal are so severe that I have chosen to stay on it at this time. - USA

Jessica - Taking this drug has been the worst mistake of my life. Had I known what I know now, I NEVER would have taken this. Coming off of this poison is hell on earth and I just pray that it subsides soon. Please don't ever get on this stuff...it is in NO WAY worth it!!!!!! - USA  
Helena Milton - If I had known about the withdrawal effects I never would have taken Paxil and would be a much happier person today. - US

Alexis Ballantine - I was put on Paxil by a doctor and was on it for about a year and a half. I gained some weight, and went to another doctor, who suggested switching me to Luvox. While being wiened off the Paxil, i suffered a migraine which lasted five straight days. Soonafter, while driving home, I experienced dizziness and crashed my car into a telephone pole (Jan 6, 2001). With the Luvox, I've gained about 50 pounds in 8 months, I am having mood swings. With the Paxil, my actions were compulsive and impulsive. My emotions numbed, i suffered from insomnia, nightmares, anxiety, restlessness, violent thoughts, self-destructive behaviors, muscle twitching in my face, confusion, weakness, dizziness, headaches, nausia, altered personality ie careless attitude, poor judgement, and difficulty in concentration. I strongly believe that paxil needs to be pulled off the market. It is a terrible drug. Notice all the recent school shootings have been committed by children who suffer from depression, anxiety, poor judgement, obvious violent thoughts, thoughts of self-destruction, no concern about consequences... Maybe there is not a link, but we shouldn't be taking a chance..we are being used as a mass scientific experiment, it is horrible. It would be reeeally nice if the doctors were made aware from the beginning of such side effects, so they could warn patients before they agree to take it. It was put on the market to help people, and it's making them worse, so why is it still out there? - USA

Sandra Wells - i never wanted to take paxil dr. kept insisting it would help me b/c my son is severely autistic and my sister was committed and delusional. I was told that there were no risks to taking it except for minor sexual side effects. I was on it for 1 1/2 yrs and the dr kept having to increase the dose b/c I was getting physical side effects (dizzy vertigo), it's a VERY destinctive dizziness, you can hear it, I call it Helicopter Head (whoosh, whoosh sounds). I had this happen when I would miss doses of paxil, also had it happen until dr. increased. I was up to 40 mgs, was on 40 mgs for 5 months when I got the dizziness again. I decided this would never end & didn't want to be a slave to medicine. I went off it, just quit taking paxil .....that was July 2, today it's August 7th. Since July 2 I have been going through emotional and physical misery. First 3 wks withdrawl incl. daily vomiting if I ate more than a few bites of food at a time, diahorea, intense bone-weary fatigue like the worst flu you can imagine, dizziness so bad that driving was dangerous b/c when I would only BLINK my eyes the room would spin, water retention. Emotionally I feel like before paxil I always was able to have a postive outlook, even when my son was diagnosed I was positive, when my sister was committed I was positive. I am so depressed now, I feel like everything about life is terrible, I don't tell anyone this b/c it's not what's important, my feelings that is, but inside I feel like i'm dying. I also have nightmares every night which are SO vivid, they are like movies, I remember all of them wierd thing is I can't remember what I ate for lunch 10 min later without doing some heavy thinking. I am irritable, can't stand to have more than one thing going on at a time.....impatient, and I am so worried this will never go away. - USA

Tracie Dagenhart - I have the ZAPS after 3 days of Paxil withdrawl. My doctor assured me this was a non-habitual medication. Too bad patients can't trust their doctors. - Alexander

Linda Green - was prescribed Paxil 5 months ago for severe anxiety attacks. The first 2 months were euphoric! and panic attack free! By the 4 month I began recognizing a series of strange physical problems which my friends brought to my attention: severe headaches daily, unusual weight gain (wasn't eating more), leg spasms, drenched sheets at night when sleeping, short term memory loss, needing 10-12 hours sleep, staring off into space at work, completely unmotivated, lightheadedness and HELLISH dreams...what was wrong with me?! I went to my doctor who suggested increasing the Paxil from 10 to 20mg and perhaps adding on an antidepressant. This scared the hell out of me,..I didn't want more medication. I was relieved the panic attacks had stopped but feared more medication. My doctor dismissed everything and told me it was "depression". I have never taken medication before. After listening to my friends who noticed all these changes (I NEVER would have noticed because I was like a droopy, sleepy zombie), I looked on the internet for Paxil and problems with use. Well I find I am not alone, except for the fact that I was not reducing medication, but it did appear as if my body was screaming for more the effects were the SAME!. "Non-addictive" ...CRAP! I have been chipping away at my 10mg a day week by week today is my first day with nothing. BE RESPONSIBLE SMITH KLINE! - USA

Cinde L. Ponder - I have taken it, and am wrecked on withdrawl it almost killed me and no one would tell me! - USA

Benard Wagner - I was even tapered off slowly by my doctor, and I am going through total hell 2 months and counting! Zaps in head and face, disorientation, vertigo, muscle twitches, irregular heartbeats. This is the worst experience of my entire life. - USA

Elizabeth Parker - This drug has ruined my life! - USA Columbus Ohio

Paul - Causes aggression on withdrawal! I'm happy I no longer live in the same country as the idiot that prescribed me this shit! - Germany

Steven Martin - Paxil brings about massive addictive personalities, withdrawl symptoms worst than the depression it was prescribed for. - US

L Rutledge - Withdrawl is unbearable, my husband and I are both on Paxil, me 20mg and my husband 30mg. We can't take the dizziness anymore I just fall over if I turn too quickly. My husband is experiencing severe withdrawl. I feel like a tight band is around my head 24/7. The nausea, well what can i say. PUKE! I haven't enjoyed this summer yet and can't take the sun because I have light sensitive eyes and besides when you go to the beach and fall down after turning around to quick people think your drunk. It only took one comment to keep me home. I was on Serzone

for 3 1/2 years for depression and never experienced anything remotely similar to this "\_\_\_\_ING"CRAP! I only switched over to Paxil because it was recommended by the Psychiatrist and that Serzone doesn't do anything for anxiety, but hey Serzone was alot better and I would have done some creative visualization techniques to help the anxiety that I do now, at least they work, and I don't get Bitchy. Had I known that the side effects were this bad I would NOT have chosen to go on Paxil. I have "WARNED" all my friends and family and have asked them to pass the info. around "to not go on Paxil". Research other drugs that don't have withdrawl symptoms this bad. "I want my life back now, not in 6 months when I'm still on 1 flippin mg." Dam you SmithKline Beecham. You should be ashamed. - Canada

Nathan Pawling - I nearly costed me my life. The withdrawals were horrific, I wanted to die. I was happier before I took Paxil. Psychiatrists hand them out like m&m's and don't tell you the withdrawals are worse than opiate withdrawals, I have experienced both and Paxil withdrawals are ten times worse than opiates. - United States of America

Stephanie Luft - The medication was a Godsend when I first started taking it. I've been on it for almost 3 years now and would like to quit but I get the shakes and severe headaches if I skip just one day. - USA

Lundy (Baker) - Very Addictive Drug (I am not a drug abuser) - USA

Regina L. Reckart - IT has been HELL getting off this - Hillsborough

Mickie Patterson - This drug has been tormenting my life for the past 3 months. The withdrawal symptoms are horrible and make me feel worse than I did before I began taking the drug. - USA

Rev. Barbara Yovino - My daughter is suffering so much from this drug! She can't get off of it too! Please do something about this! How could the FDA allow this? - Brooklyn NY USA

Danny De La Cruz - This drug is a very bad drug. These people are supposed to be helping mankind with their breakthrough drug discoveries, but instead are only worried about the one thing that makes this world go round. THE ALL MIGHTY DOLLAR!!!! Since coming off this drug I have had mood swings, anger, feelings of being smothered and feel like I cannot get a good breath in. The withdrawls are the worst thing I have ever felt. Never in my life have I ever felt these things. My anxiety is way more bareable than these withdrawals. Because of this drug I have a new found respect for real drugs addicts who come off of their respective drugs and go through withdrawls probably 100 times worse than us. This is horrible, horrible, horrible. These people should come clean before it hits them

where it really hurts them, their profits!!!!!! Land of the free and the home of big business! - United States of America

Geraldine Damone - This drug is a NIGHTMARE!! - USA

Jessical Leschnikoff - I have suffered dreadful withdrawal from this drug - either by phasing out gradually, or by stopping abruptly. No-one told me about the risks to my health and well being, and when I discussed the findings of some recent research with my GP, he knew nothing of the research, and had no advice to give me in the light of it. - United Kingdom

Tina Spencer - I thought i was going crazy until I realized that I was having wihtdrawal symptoms. Noone should have to go thru this. My husband and children do not deserve the hell that I am putting them thru. - Canada

Susan Hirshman - Withdrawel was a nightmare - Jackson county, Oregon

Amanda Clark - I have experience many of the side effects. The most scary was the electrical shock like flashes. I thought I was the only one, what a relief to know that I wasn't losing my mind. - USA

Melissa L. Eilts - This drug was very hard to come off of and I suffered severe withdrawl from it!! - USA

Terry Burris - I tapered off and still threw up for 3 days. My girlfriend cant get off it. - USA

Maxine Friedmam - My girlfriend calls me up in tears going through withdrawl it a bad medication for her - SouthFL

Terese Pacensa - I have suffered from Paxil withdrawal not knowing its side effects, and would not wish them on anyone. - U.S.

Jeff Wing - Have tried to "wean" off paxil 4 times with no success. - USA

Susan Sabados - I have been trying to tapered down and it has been so hard I am so sick right now someone needs to make the public more aware of the withdrawal side effects - New York

Wanda Coe - When I tried to stop Paxil I had all kinds of problems so I had to go back on. How do I get off the Paxil without all the bad side-effects? - Florida

Kelli D. Mims - I've been on Paxil for approx 10 years now and I am trying to come off of it due to too many side effects to list. I would like to invite whomever manufactured this drug to come and live with me right now. I guarantee you wouldn't make it out of here!!! - Oden, AR

Nika Naylor - I am in hell - United States

Linda M. Reid - I was a silent sufferer for many years, trying to come off Paxil at various times and giving up because of the severe withdrawal symptoms. Again, I am two weeks into slowly reducing the amount of the drug in my system. I hate it. - USA

Jennifer Smalls - Paxil withdrawal was a total nightmare- thanks a lot SKB for the lies - United States

Lisa J Bellavance - The Withdrawals for Paxil are horrific and I am still experiencing them. I am experiencing Physical and Psychological symptoms and people around me that do not understand or havent been on such a drug think I am "pycho" as I have been called. It isnt right that being on a medication that is supposed to Help depression has made my life worse. - Norton, Ma

BETTIE B. JONES - MY DR. TOLD ME PAXIL WAS NOT ADDITIVE. I HAVE BEEN TAKING IT FOR ALMOST 3 YEARS. I WENT COLD TURKEY 1 MONTH AGO AND SUFFERED WITH ZAPS, HEADACHES AND DEPRESSION. IT SCARED ME SO BAD, I CONTINUED TO TAKE IT . I JUST HAPPEN TO SEE PAXIL ADDICTION ON LINE. - U.S.A.

Catherine Skrinak - I have been on Paxil for 8 years. Yes, it has helped with my depression, but now I am addicted. I have tried to be weaned from this and at one time had to go cold turkey. I am absolutely terrified to go through ANY withdrawl from this drug, it was beyond hell. I was told by doctors not to worry and that I could not become addicted to this, but all along I knew something wasn't right. So, now what am I supposed to do? Also, the price of this drug is outrageous! Your company is making money hand over fist from the demand of this drug, while you are creating addicts. I can only imagine how much money this company has made from Paxil. Not only should the drug dealers on the street be brought to justice, so should the bastards that have created addicts through Paxil. - USA

Janice Rider - I am having an awful time with withdrawl, I feel like I am a drug addict - USA

Beverly Toney - addicted to Paxil - USA

Lara L. Smith - I went through 6 months of Hell trying to get off of Paxil not only did my depression get worse but the physical side effects of the withdrawal were beyond any thing I could ever expect. I stongly recommend any one considering taking this drug to "NOT" It's not worth it!  
! - USA

Jacque - I experienced terrible withdrawl symptoms when I went off Paxil in 1998. - USA

Bryant Thombs Jr. - currently hospitalized in psychiatric institution for suicide attempt due to withdrawl from paxil - U.S.A.

Patricia Martinez - I am still withdrawing from paxil and I am scared - United States

Colleen Carney - I am unable to stop this medication. I have been on it for 3 years and just with being on it, I have headaches, weight gain, delusions, severe tiredness, and confusion. When I try to stop, it makes me very sick...weak, dizzy, severe migraines, nausea, etc. I wish there was something I could do. I am tired of feeling this way. My doctors never told me all the side effects to this. - Northampton

Wills, Mara - Even though I am in the medical profession, I had no idea Paxil withdrawl could be so severe. Unfortunately, because I could not tolerate these severe symptoms, I am back on Paxil going on my fourth year with no end in sight. - USA

Lisa G. Sapolis - I have been trying to get off of Paxil for over a month and am suffering from physical and psychological symptoms that make it very difficult for me to functiona and make me very depressed and anxious suddenly. I would have never agree to take this particular drug if I had known these repsonses were possible. - USA

Donna Rutter - I am having major withdrawal syptoms which almost caused me to wreck my car. - USA

SHARON ZAMBITO - 3 FAILED EFFORTS TO WITHDRAW - USA

Patrick Mullen - whenever i stop taking paxil for even a day, I get electrical like flashes and severe headaches. - United States

Amy Baker - Paxil withdrawal has caused me so much pain and suffering. The public needs to be warned! - USA

Kim MacIsaac - I've tried unsuccessfully 4 times to taper off Paxil. My doctor now tells me I will be on it the rest of my life. The withdrawal is terrible. My Doc originally told me Paxil was not addictive, 5 years later... - USA

Deborah Seymour - Paxil is helping me cope with a very difficult situation I'm going through. I'm afraid to stop taking it though, I tried once and the results were unbearable! - Jefferson County, CO

Kelly A. Story - the withdrawals are unbelievable - USA

Dawn Caldart - I called the company because my symptoms were so severe. The representative told me I was the exception and to go to my doctor. I specifically asked for instructions on what I could be doing to lessen the side effects and they refused to offer me any assistance. I even asked if I could have my doctor contact them directly so that he could assist me and they refused! - USA

Jody Serkes - terrible to get off this drug - USA

Marie Spencer - I am a user of paxil and I want to release myself from this medication but, its very very hard to do so. The withdrawals of this medication is impossible. Please help me please. - United States

Stephanie Kallio - Have tried getting off Paxil 3 different times. Bad withdrawal symptoms and I go back on the drug. Don't know what to do. - USA

Amy Hinger - Unable to get off Paxil without severe withdrawal symptoms - U.S.A.

Robert Gates - I experienced dizziness and strange sensations while on Paxil, which only got better by taking more Paxil, but I toughed it out for months of withdrawal and it finally cleared up. I lost a lot of work time to this medication that was "supposed" to help me. - Arlington

Michelle Bovair - I've tried 2 times to get off and can't, it's easier to stay on, blurred vision, electric shock like leg jumping, dizzy, nausea - ...it's just easier to stay on it...I hate this!! - USA

Karen Martinez - I was given Paxil for severe depression and was taking 40mg. per day. When I stopped taking Paxil I suffered Severe Withdrawls from the drug. When I seeked out help from my Medical Professionals regarding my Withdrawl Symtoms I was told what I was feeling had nothing to do with the drug. I even went to the Mental Heath Emergency Unit due to feelings of Mental Breakdown from coming off the Paxil and was told there was no Withdrawl Systems from Paxil. I was lied to. And the whole time being told that it was me and not the side effects of the drug. I suffered feelings of disassociation, tingling in face and neck, as well as numbness in my head, arms, and hands. I began taking Paxil in the Spring of 2000 until July 2001. I didn't decide to quit taking Paxil. I lost my job and with my job went my insurance. I could not afford the \$ 90.00 per month to get my Paxil perscription refilled. So without choice I had to stop taking the medication. After about 3 days of not having the Paxil I began to have the symptoms I described to you. One day while coming from a job interview I broke down and had to pull over to the side of the road where I was sobbing uncontrollably because I was having thoughts of killing myself. I sat in my apartment for days before that and contemplated many ways to commit suicide. I withdrew from my family and friends. I was trying to go on Job Interviews while having the Withdrawl Symptoms from the Paxil. During my Job Interviews I couldn't think clearly and was a mental and emotional wreck. I went to at least a dozen Job Interviews and each time the same thing. Also on each and every occasion of a job interview I had severe Panic Attacts directly after each Interview whlie sitting in my Car. I am a highly skilled and educated worker in the Area of Bookkeeping and Office Administration. I finally was able to borrow enough money to go see my Family Physician where he now has me taking 50 mg. of Zoloft per day, also my Family Physician now has me on State Disability due to what he labeled as Severe Depression which is correct, however I do believe that the Withdrawl Symptoms I had from the Paxil has contribitued to my Currnet State of Mind, as well as my Current Disabiltiy. - USA

Tammy - can't get off this stuff - USA

Danielle Davis - Have been on Paxil for Several months...have had experiences where I forgot to take med and had horrible side effects at work and had to come home..this is very scary..and not fair ...we as patients trust our Docter and Pharm. companies...this may be a big mistake...now what do we do? - USA

Kathleen Loreena Martell - I am a QMHA and I was on Paxil for 1.5 years following my divorce. I experienced several very intense effects each time I tried to quit taking Paxil. It was extremely difficult to get out from under. For the first time and I hope only time in my life I actually experienced an episode of suicidal ideation coupled with exteme anxiety. I am fine now but I would not wish this experience upon anyone. I just helped a friend through a very difficult time that came right on the heels of quitting Paxil. At the time it was looking to me that she was

experienceing a very similar process to the one I experienced when I quit Paxil. Neither of our Doctors warned us about any sort of problem with quitting Paxil. Now I know why, they did not know that Paxil could percipitate withdrawal sx. I'm so glad to find out that Paxil is having the same effect on many people. It really angers me that a medication that is perscribed to help people through depression and anxiety creates just that only worse in the person when they try to quite. I did not try to quit until 1.5 years after my divorce and I went through lots of support on top of taking the anti-depressant. Just think what might of occured if I did not take such good care of myself and if I was not trained in dealing with depression etc. - USA

Paul Steffens - been trying to quit for years, severe withdrawl - U.S.

CHARLES M. EMERSON - AM NOW WITHDRAWING AND I DONT LIKE IT - USA

Dixie Cameron - I have such severe withdrawl I can't get off of Paxil. - El Dorado

Jeanne - This stuff is very bad JuJu. I've tried several times to get off of it, and I still have to take 20 mg. a day to keep my job. - Los Angeles, CA, USA

Shawn A. Spicer - Going through a living HELL! - United States

Lori M. Tillman - Getting off this drug was the most horrible experience of my life. - United States

Etta Snoke-Estes - 3 times i have tried to Quit paxil and was never told of thr withdrawls that happen physically and mentally from shaking to attempted suicide. Not to mention what it put my family through both mentally and physically stopping my attempts to take my life on these withdrawls california - USA

Warren Bellazer - I thought I was falling apart - U.S.

Mrs. Johnson - Zaps; irritability; mood swings, tingling of hands; I had no idea how difficult withdrawal is.... - USA

Amber P. Nanney - I have been a Paxil user for 4 years and have tried to stop taking this drug several times, all with the same results.....nausea, dizziness, "electric shocks", vomiting, fever, etc. Each time I tried to stop taking Paxil I would experience these withdrawal reactions and thought that there was just something

wrong with me. Now I know that I am one of thousands with the same problem. - United States

Melissa Lynch - I am currently on this drug & was trying to be taken off of it and I started having all of the severe anxiety problems & have had to stay on it until I can see a psychiatrist about getting me off of it...all I wanted was to get better not worse!! - USA

Linda A Pyburn - I TRIED TO GET OFF OF PAXIL AND CANT - USA

Sandy Norden - I am going thru Hell - USA

Mark E. Nielson - took paxil for three years or more, it has terrible side affects and withdrawel problems, and presently may have damaged my liver - USA

Jennifer Shea - This drug was supposed to help me make my life easier by helping my depression and anxiety. In the end, it was the biggest mistake I could've made in taking a drug. Paxil did help for a while but then I had to keep upping the dosage. I felt there was definitely a problem because it didn't seem to be helping anymore even though I was taking it on a regular basis and felt I was taking a pretty high dosage. When I decided to come off Paxil, that's when the nightmare really began. The tremors, uncontrollable muscle spasms, the nausea and diarrhea, the inability to concentrate ... I really thought I was losing my mind. It was truly horrible. This drug should be banned. Nobody should have to go through what I did, especially not knowing how addictive this drug is and how awful it is to quit taking it. - USA

Mike Bosnick - Paxil Ruined my Last Marriage - USA

Mary Duncan - When trying to eliminate paxil, I found that I could not. I cut back slowly and still could not eliminate using it without great distress. I currently still take the drug at 40mg per day. - United States

John Carter - Terrible Withdrawl Symptoms! - USA

Mike Cole - 10 years bad side effects little benefit severe withdrawl - USA

Tracy L. Cinquegrani - I have tried to no avail to get off this drug. It causes me to feel like I am coming out of my own skin inside out. Help others to not suffer as I. My ex husband is using this against me saying

I am drug dependant and I am. The side affects are worse than the original problem I ever had! - USA

Charity Figearo - you have ruined my marriage becuase of the sexual side effects and then made it so I could NOT get off paxil - USA

Gail Slater - I wished I would never started taking Paxil. I told my Dr. I did not want anything habit forming. He told me Paxil was not habit forming..but you did have to taper off. I Have a appointment with him to try to get off. It has caused me so many problems!!!! - USA

Elizabeth Keller - "Discontinuation Effects:Some patients may experience discontinuation effects such as dizziness/lightheadedness, gastrointestinal complaints, headache, agitation/restlessness and sleep disturbance in the period immediately following the discontinuation of paroxetinreatment. These events are generally mild and transient. " This statement, from information available from the manufacturer, is false. Paxil withdrawal is severe. One or two missed pills causes me to become bedridden with suffering. - USA

Deborah Wooley - As of date, I have gone from 40mg. to 10mg. Still having electric shocks in my head, and hair loss, weight gain and mood swings. - United States

Ashland Arditi - I am completely unable to stop taking Paxil due to the painful side effects (i.e. "head buzz feeling" & instant emotional rollercoasters that occur when the drug leaves your bloodstream). I am stuck struggling to afford a drug that has a hold on my body because coming off is horrible. It's not right that the public was not informed of these problems before taking your medication. - USA

Allan Lee Ulrich - I have been on Paxil for over two years and have attempted to withdrawal from Paxil twice in the past 6 months. Both times I was forced to go back on the medication to regain my balance, concentration, and eliminate vision problems. I recovered generally within hours of returning to the medication. I never would have agreed to using Paxil if I had known how difficult it is to "kick the habit". I am not an opportunist just going lawsuit crazy. A couple of months ago I was so frustrated with the drug and its grip on me that I filed a complaint with the FDA through their website. - USA

LISA AZZOLINA - STUCK ON PAXIL/WANT TO GET OFF - USA-COLORADO

Maryann L. deSteph - Unable to withdraw from Paxil - USA

Richard W. Edwards - Still decreasing dosage after 5 months! - USA

Lana Renee' Workman - I am currently trying to get off of paxil and I quit cold turkey without knowledge of trying to gradually get off the drug and I am going through pure hell with the numerous symptoms. - USA

Barbara Searight - I wish that I had the information on Paxil correct before taking it, now I am withdrawing and its a total hell, the making of which I hold you responsible. - USA

Jason T Smith - I am trying without success to get myself off of paxil. It is a living hell. Why wasn't I told how addicting this drug is?? - United States

Ana Dumitrascu - I have tried, unsuccessfully, to stop taking Paxil twice. The withdrawal symptoms were too unbearable for me. - Canada

Carrie E. Bale - one month into withdrawal and symptoms are getting worse instead of better - U.S.A.

MARY PERKINS - I Have been experiencing major problems trying to quit paxil. It has really ruined my life. - United States

Kate Stark - This drug was helpful, but the side effects and withdrawl are horrendous - USA

Sue Arnold - Paxil has been a nightmare for me to get off of. I have tried several times only to fail and have to take it again. I have suffered with extreme nausea and zap like feelings in my eyes and head. I should have been told of these side effects when weaning off. This drug has been responsible for a great degree of suffering in my life. I am trying to get off of it again, and am experiencing similar effects. It is tuff to be a Mom and feel so sick all the time. I cannot believe that this is happening to me. - USA

RICKY WALLIS - When I tried to quit taking Paxil.I had wierd headrushes and bad depression - U.S.A.

Nathan Eberhardt - I tapered off Paxil over a two week period before quitting. I have been suffering for over two weeks now at time of signing, from severe withdrawal reactions from taking the medication Paxil, including the following: electric shock like disturbances, dizziness, fatigue, lack of appetite, sensory disturbances (hearing distortion and a shock like feeling when rotating my eyes horizontally),

profuse sweating sometimes accompanied by chills, significant confusion and inability to concentrate, vivid abnormal dreaming and interrupted sleep cycle with repeated awakenings during the night, nausea and acid reflux, feeling faint and light-headed, some amount of vertigo(after climbing stairs), tachycardia(resting heart beat on some days over 130 beats per minute), muscle aches & weakness. - USA

Jane Dawson - horrible withdrawal during pregnancy - USA

Barbara Thomas - Paxil is the most horrible experience I've been through! No one should be subject to GSK blatant hidden truths about Paxil!! - USA

Debra M. Carpenter - severe withdrawl symptoms,weight gain - USA

James Lumpkin - I am on Paxil because of depression brought on by the death of my teenage son. I needed something for a short period of time and I specifically asked my doctor to prescribe something that WAS NOT ADICTIVE and that is why he chose Paxil - - now how do I get off of it? - USA

Angela Churchill - I can't believe that Paxil is still be prescribed to patients. Not only are the withdrawl symptoms a nightmare, but it didn't help me at all while i was on it. All it did was strip me from having ANY emotions. - USA

Johanne Rockwell - Scared Paxil Addict trying to get off - USA

Kathleen Jordan - wrecked by Paxil withdrawal - Pennsylvania

Thomas P. Conte - Uninformed victim of post paxil symptoms - USA

Carrie S. Bale - have been off of the drug Paxil for one month and still experiencing side effects including muscle cramping, vivid dreams, dizziness, zaps - USA

Schmecky - began taking medication about 1989 for a severe anxiety attack(loss of control,crying,losing my mind,quit my \$11.00an hour job) iwas unable to function.was put on paxil at some point shortly thereafter.began feeling somewhat better but began having side effects (mental confusion,lack of concentration,loss of short term memory, shocks,vivid nightmares,profuse sweating,constant headache,shakes, stumbling,shudders from sounds and movement,nausea, chills in80-90 degree weather,restless legs,trouble speaking,no energy,lethargy,restless sleep,tingling in teeth and face,fear of leaving the

house, impotence, semen discharge while urinating, ect.) in years since i have always been depressed treated with various other meds some did nothing others had intolerable side effects. zoloft, welbuterin, effexor, doxepin, vistaril, prozac, desipramine, buspar, lorazepam. - USA

Penny Brehaut - Never having been on any drugs before other than ventolin, I am finding it nearly impossible to quit taking paxil. The effects of withdrawal are almost worse than the panic attacks and the depression. I wish I had been told of this before taking this drug. - Canada

Erika Carter - Paxil is destroying me - United States of America

Kevin Seaboyer - i have been going through sheer hell..spent a week in a detox center because i thought i was going crazy - Canada

Debra - very awful side effects to this drug - US

Lynette M. Gray - I have been on Paxil 1 year. It's major effects are devastating to say the least. I had no idea how addictive this drug is. I am trying hard to get off of the medication but I find that I can't due to the overwhelming withdrawal symptoms. The side effects of the drug itself has gotten way out of hand, I don't know if it's due to my extended use of the drug or what; but all I know is that I need help with getting my life back. I am so afraid. I hope that in the future people become more aware of the side effects and pain of withdrawing from the drug brings. It's devastating to say the least. We need guidance badly. - U.S.A.

Hannah Stewart - Although Seroxat helped me initially through a serious bout of depression, I feel misled and uninformed as to the HORRIBLE side effects of withdrawal. Why did my GP claim to not know the seriousness of these symptoms? I feel that this is unacceptable from a major drug company. - England

Deborah L. Schoeman - I went through SEVERE withdrawals - United States

HELEN ANNE RICH - I HAVE "ZAPS", DIZZINESS, INSOMNIA, NIGHTMARES, IRRITABILITY, RESTLESSNESS, FEELING AS IF I'M GOING TO FAINT. SHORT TERM MEMORY LOSS. NAUSEA, BLURRED VISION, CHILLS, HOT FLASHES, PROFUSE SWEATING, FEAR OF LOSING MY MIND. I WAS MORE DEPRESSED ON THE MED. - NC

Arline Johnson - Nightmare withdrawals from Paxil....over 2 years.. - USA

Joyce Logan - side effects and addiciton are my problems now - Baltimore City

Joy Fears - I am addicted, was hospitalized after tapering off - USA

Paul Keller - I underwent a personal hell coming off of this drug. - United Kingdom

Nikki Young - I have tried several times to quit Paxil. Each time I experienced "the zaps", nausea, dizziness, anxiety. After being on Paxil for two years, I have realized that my short term memory is that of an early Alzheimer's patient. I'm only 28!! I want off this drug. But I hate the feeling of the withdraw. Yes! That's what it is withdraw. I am afraid to even think about getting pregnant until I am Paxil free for atleast a year. - USA

Hollie Maloy- Humphries - I'm trying to figure out if I will ever feel normal again. I've been trying to get off Paxil for almost two months and I still can't function. I haven't been able to keep my balance, bumping into things at work, unable to see clearly, and afraid to drive because I feel so strange. I have this horrible tingling sensation, I sweat a lot and can't sleep at night. After hearing some of the other people's side effects, mine sound mild, and that scares me! - USA

Gretchen Grace Grant - This medicine if you can call it that is horrible, started having reactuons to it while on it seritonin syndrome no sleep for five days , passing out not sleeping intense sweeting, twitching uncontrollably, shaking, blurry vision, diarrhea, dialated pupils, numbness, loss of cordination, loss of memory, extremely hot skin ect. and that was before quitting the drug cold turkey , the withdrawls were horrible and i do not wish them on my worst enemy!!! My doctor said that she did not want to deal with this any more and gave me a number to the crisis hotline like i was a complete nut!! - USA

Harry L. McCormick - I cannot get off Paxcil because when I try I get very light headed and sick - USA

Amanda Boudreau - I have never experienced such hell getting off a drug in my life. I was so sick at the time I was prescribed Paxil, that I just wanted to get better. I didn't research it, I "trusted " my doctor had done that for me already. I have numbness and "zaps" and neausea, throwing up, diareah, headaches, tingling sensation, extreme anger, I could just hurt someone real bad on this shit. I feel like a Guinee Pig in those old mental institutions. I am so distraught. I have gained 50 lbs, which has given me back problems that cause me to not be able to do nothing. I can do the dishes if the counter top is high enough so I don't

bend down. I am a friggin' mess. This is Garbage. I am hurt,  
dissapointed. This so called miracle pill isn't so wonderful any more.  
God, I hope they ban this. - Canada

Timothy Birkin - the addiction is worse than depression - England/United  
Kingdom

Julie Zellers - I was perscribed paxil for my post partum depressiona nd  
now I cant get off of it due to extreme side effects including  
disorientation manic mood swings and dizziness so great - I have trouble  
driving a car. - America ,USA

KELLY CONTRERAS - SEVERE WITHDRAWLS - SANJOAQUIN

Dawn Pawluczyk - Withdrawing from Aropax (Paxil) has been hell and still  
is to some degree. - AUSTRALIA

Judy Anderson - Suffering severe withdrawl symptoms - United States

Angie Barela - I have just gotten off Paxil and now been going thru the  
worst withdrawals and sickness. - USA

Jessica - I have tried to quit several times. No matter how slowly I try  
to taper down, I have the terrible shocking feeling (ZAPS), irritability,  
mood swings, headaches. M y son was also on paxil for compulsive  
behavior, he is now so depressed he feels like life is not worth living.  
He was not depressed before he started taking the medication. The drug  
company had to know about these symptoms, surely a trial group would have  
shown these withdraw symptoms. We can't be the only ones. - Indiana, USA

Thelma Landsberry - Reaction after tapering off so severe, I was taken to  
hospital by ambulance - USA

Andrew Robert Cawdell - It was a nightmare, trully horrible. - UK

Catherine L. Wohlin - I have had tried three times to go off the paxil  
and have ended up at the hospital, for extreme heart palpations high  
blood pressure, extreme constipation, abd pains, and anxiiety attacks.  
USA ,Tucson

Laurie Konrad - I tried to wean off paxil and I thought I was dying - USA

Karen Rudd - It has taken me over 8 months to withdraw and I'm still experiencing withdrawal symptoms after 2 months of no Paxil. - USA

Teri L. Watson - Need help getting of this stuff - USA

Wilson J. Santiago - I have suffered the withdrawal, and went in to a severe depression. - USA

Sheryl McDonald - This drug is ruining my life and it is impossible to quit. What are we to do? - Canada

Michelle Jackson - PAXIL IS HELL - USA

Tina J. Harris - I have tried for the past 3 years to get off paxil, and the withdrawal are so bad that I can stop taking the drug, and at this point in my life I can afford to pay for it any more, so I don't know what I'm going to do! - San Bernardino

William Ferg - I have had nothing but problems in trying to get off this terrible drug. - Portage County in Wisconsin  
J. Scarriot - Paxil worked well while I stayed on it. Did not know it was addicting. Severe withdrawal symptoms. - U.S.

JARED HENDRICKSON - BEEN USING PAXIL FOR 5 YEARS AND CANNOT QUIT DUE TO WITHDRAWEL SYMPTOMS - MARICOPAG.

M. C. - Have been on Paxil for several years now. I was also told it wasn't addictive and had fewer side effects than other types of antidepressants. I've attempted to wean myself off the drug several times in past, but I experienced terrible flu-like symptoms and intense depression with severe dizziness and shakiness. I would return to taking the paxil and it would stop the symptoms. I felt my depression returning and the Dr. increased my dosage from 30 to 60 mg. This worked for a while, but the depression began to surface again and I also was feeling rather anxious/nervous. I thought perhaps the Paxil was effecting me negatively, so I tried to stop taking the drug by slowly reducing the dose by 10 mg at first for a week, but I began to experience the dizzy spells and nausea with trembling and was so scared and miserable that I went back to the regular dose of 60mgs. This did not seem to be having the effect it had in the past and I was desperaate for relief so I increased my dose to 90mgs and by the next day I felt fine again! I am convinced this drug is addictive or that it does something to the brain that is permanent! My Dr. insists that the drug wasn't responsible for the symptoms I had experienced and so, I am still taking the 90mgs per day. The Dr. has suggested tapering off the Paxil and trying a different anti-depressent, but I am terrified over the return of my symptoms that I

had previously experienced. My whole family thought that I must have a brain tumor or something that was making me dizzy and shaky. I went to a neurologist and had all kinds of tests, but nothing could be found that would explain my "dizzy spells" I really started believing that perhaps I was going crazy and making myself feel that way! Now that I've read all the comments of others taking Paxil, I know that there must be some kind of connection to all these symptoms and the Paxil. I am so outraged that a drug such as this is being advertised as if it were some type of novel "in" drug suitable for all! - USA

Teresa Watson - I am going through withdrawal hell - United States

Carrie Rogers - Was able to discontinue, after several tries, but was very ill in the meantime. - USA

Crystal D. Orange - This was the worst experience I've ever had. Severe Withdrawl. Before it was perscribed to me I explicitly said "I don't want anything addictive". - USA

Cathy Staeven - I was involved in a multiple vehicle auto accident in Nov 1992. Paxil was prescribed for depression. I developed seizures in May of 1999 for reasons that are unknown. This September of 2001 my Doctor thought it a good idea for me to discontinue Paxil because he thought that may Paxil could be contributing to my seizure and had me taper off, and by taper off he meant 1/2 a tablet for two weeks and then nothing. Well, now I am in hell. I have been experiencing the jolts to my head continuously. I thought I was having a stroke. I too am feeling nauseous, unbalanced, dizzy, feeverish and have flu-like symptoms. I can't stand loud noises and when I sleep I have to have the shades pulled and all lights off. I get hungry and then eat and little and then feel sick. When I read this all I could do was cry. I felt relief that I was not losing my mind and that I did not have a stroke or a brain tumor. I also felt hatred for my Doctor because he never alerted me to any side effects of going off Paxil. I would love to have him in my body right about now. It is pure hell. I don't know whether to sit up or lie down. It doesn't really matter because the jolts in my head don't stop either way. I can't believe that a person is not advised of how this drug can affect them and how difficult it is to get of when the time comes. No one should have to suffer like this. This is a living hell. I wonder if they would prescribe these same drugs for their loved ones if they knew they had to be on them for a long period of time, all the while knowing how difficult it is to quit the drug. Right now, as I sit here writing this and my eyes move across the screen I am getting electrical jolts, and it makes me cry, and it makes me mad! Grandville, Michigan. - USA

Dorothy Fay Freeman - After taking Paxil for three years, trying twice to get off of it, I'm trying for the 3rd time. I'm determined to do it this time. I'm having the 'zapping' sensations, headaches, nausea, etc. This

product needs to be taken off the market. It's horrible to go thru this.  
- Kent

Monica Calloway - My doctors put me on Paxil, but it turns out it only made things worse because I was misdiagnosed. I was never told the negative effects this drug would have on my body. Even though I asked over and over again. I am going through extreme withdrawal now and I can hardly face the day. Thanks paxil. - United States

Steve Hessler - Tried very slow withdrawal from Paxil: was an absolute nightmare. - Franklin

Lora Harding - I have had HORRIBLE side effects of this medicine - USA

Lisa Rupniewski - Tried to go off Paxil in February 2001 after taking it for 1 year. Spent the next 6 months in a complete HELLISH state, uncontrollable tremors, loss of appetite, constant crying, extreme fear, and round the clock tormenting thoughts including suicide. Had to go back on it and now I'm scared to death to ever quit again. Thanks SKB, for conveying this message of a wonderful happy healthy life, free of anxiety through your commercials and brochures. It's a BIG FAT LIE!!!!!!! - USA

Regina Kay Orton - I had bad withdrawal from this medicine - USA

William Ramey - paxil withdrawl is HELL - USA

Margie Wojciechowski - I decided to stop and gradually reduced my dose and now my life is a living hell. Morning sickness was a piece of cake to the nausea I now have, and the spasms in my skin and eyes and dizziness is horrid. Take it off the market or make a law requiring the side effects to be specified before administering Paxil - USA

Laurie A. Erickson - I suffered extremely detrimental withdrawal symptoms when I ran out of the drug Paxil and was between Dr. appts for a prescription renewal. The symptoms were very frightening and left me wondering what kind of drug I have been prescribed! I had severe dizzy spells, flu-like symptoms, electrical sensations with eye movement and hearing difficulty, headache, severe depression, confused thought and disorganized thinking, hot and cold flashes. My psychiatrist told me she felt guilty for not telling me that the clinic could have approved a prescription renewal order to cover me through the appointment and that I had experience extreme "rebound depression" with other Paxil withdrawal symptoms. I would like to taper and wean myself off the drug, but I am afraid of experiencing the withdrawal symptoms again. Is there an effective safe alternative medicine that can be given to allow a person to go off the drug without such horrible symptoms? - United States

Corina - I thought I was going crazy and I was really scared. I am sure I am not the only one who has felt this way. This drug is supposed to help not hinder! - United States

Zaki Sakha - I ended up in the hospital twice this year. With all the symptoms mentioned as side effects of Paxil and lost my balance due shaking and shivering and no one has found/or gave me any reason what is causing it. - USA

Peggy Porretta - On 40mg and have daily side affects after about 15 hours. Unable to cut down or stop this drug without violent withdrawl symptoms. - USA

Keith Encinas - I have finally weaned myself off Paxil. I seriously questioned the therapeutic qualities of Paxil after suffering withdrawal side effects even after receiving the prescribed dosage. I knew then that I had developed a tolerance to the drug and was therefore addicted. Taking my daily dose late caused serious withdrawal effects (fever, anxiety, confusion, night sweats, sleep disturbances etc). It has taken a full two weeks to wean myself off and I feel better than ever. I truly question the medical communities motives for not informing patients of the potential dangers of taking this drug. Perhaps it is ignorance or lack of concern. - Canada

Joann Earhart - I'm Hooked - USA

Jocelyn Maartin - Had adverse reaction-gave me suicidal thoughts and thoughts of killing my husband. I am now under the care of a Phychiatrist and have been unable to work for over a year because of recurring flashbacks and anxiety attacks - United States

Chandy - The withdrawal symptoms are so unbearable that I doubt I'll ever stop taking paxil - USA

Julie - Coming off my 60mg dose of Paxil nearly ruined my life; it has been the cause of countless hardships not only in my personal relationships but work relationships as well. - USA

Karen O'Bannon - I have tried to stop taking Paxil, with severe side effects. - USA

Cheryl Wegmann - I have been trying for over a year to get off Paxil, without success. I have electric shocks, easy bruising, itching skin and horrible, horrible nightmares and night sweats. In this case the cure was worse than the disease. - USA

Brad D Patton - Paxil has numbed me and having tried to get off of it before, I am scared of the withdrawal symptoms again - USA

Jake - Yep, I have all the symptoms. Crazy electrical sensations in my head, nausea, extreme aggreivation, self destructive thoughts etc.. but I still feel that the withdrall is better than the way I felt before???? - USA

Terri Jordan - The withdrawals of this drug are far worse than the reasons to take it. - United States

Ernie Smith - I think my life has been ruined by taking Paxil. I wouldn't recommend the use of this drug to anyone. When will the doctors that prescribe this stuff learn or devulge the severe concequences of taking this drug? - US

Scott Schapiro - Suffering from very bad withdrawl sypmtoms - USA

Michael S. Eigenmann - The side effects were not noted clearly, and the withdraw is criminal. - America

Pam Cahall - Extreme withdrawals - USA

Stacy Norton - I took paxil and it made me so sick. I lost 30 pounds in 28 days from throwing up and being stuck on the couch from this crap. it also made my panic/anxiety attacks worse. - USA

Katherine L. Lavoie - At current time am withdrawing from paxil and have had a rough time. Am hoping for hte best , but am pretty discouraged that my"miracle drug" that wasn't addictive could have such devastating withdrawal symptoms - United States

Jim Mott - down to 5mg and in hell - USA

Tammy McMillion - I feel like a prisoner of Paxil! - USA

Marilyn Eaton - Took paxil in 1998 and it gave me shocks, tremors, electical charges and a false sense of security. Also, felt like my "brain" was "swimming" and detatching. Not good, wouldn't refer to anyone! - Davidson

Tim Bond - It's an absolute nightmare trying to get free of this drug. If I had been warned of the withdrawal effects I would NEVER have started taking it. - England

Ray Mullen - The worst drug out there, with the worst side affects. False advertising. I have social anxiety disorder, and Paxil is not the drug , in fact there are none. I am looking into the legality issues. I feel like I have electric surges running through my body and cannot funtion. - United States

Bradley S - Sickening side effects after discontinuation. I have no history of abuse!!! - USA

Nichole T. Johnson - no one said stopping would hurt this much... - United States

Julie Weathersby - Trying to get off this drug reminds me of the side effects of Phen-Phen. I am miserable. - USA

Marlene Lands - I would've never taken this drug if I'd known that I'd have to go through basically the same pain it saved me from in the first place. I didn't choose to be addicted to a drug. Please get me off of it.  
- San Jauquin

Hector Lopez - this is like hell!!!!!!!!!!!! - USA

William DeMarco - Withdrawal is horrific. This is criminal. - USA

Arlyn Brediger - Almost word for word....the salesmanship used to tout Paxil. However, the withdrawal is horrible. Now need to go to doctor to get OFF this drug. I'm afraid to see what is coming. The vivid dreams and screaming myself awake at night, going to work exhausted because of the lack of sleep, not to mention all the other things I have to look forward to! I have been on Paxil since 1997. Can't imagine how long it will take to get off this! - USA

Trevor Stuart - I can't believe the makers of Paxil say there are no withdrawal symptoms!!! This is pure hell! - Canada

Peggy East - the ads lie, the doctors lie.....why? This is addictive or there wouldn't be withdrawals! I'm really trying to wean very slowly off Paxil and it is the HARDEST thing that I've ever done. - USA

Joe McEwan - still in hell after 2 months of cessation!!!! - UK

Cyndi Leier - This is a joke. I started taking Paxil 2 1/2 years ago for anxiety. I have been tapering off it but can't go less than 10 mg a day without wanting to die. I'm having bad dreams, restless sleeping, electric shocks that feel like they go right through my brain, numbness throughout my face, nausea, crying spells, and poor hand-eye coordination. Today I cut myself with a knife, almost fell off my steps, pulled a drawer completely out knocking everything onto the floor, and tripped over the dog. I have a hard time focusing on ANYTHING and loud noises actually HURT every nerve/bone in my body. This is all besides the fact that I feel like my heart is going to beat right out of my body. I don't even want to be IN my body anymore. I can't take it. - San Bernardino Cty, Los Angeles, CA

Pamela L. Belzile - thanks for screwing up my life paxil makers!!!! I am hooked and now cannot stop,I have tried and ended up with more problems,just like before i started taking paxil.. - United States

Janelle Reed - I stopped taking Paxil 2 weeks ago and tomorrow I am going back to my doctor to renew my prescription. I cant cope with the withdrawl symptoms. I feel like I am dying every second of the day. How dare you ruin my life!!!! - USA

Tammy Engel - I took paxil for 7 years. I had very severe withdrawal symptoms for several months. Some of them include feeling physically sick. (flu like symptoms) Severe mood swings, suicidal thoughts, anxiety, dizziness, and the strange sounds in your head. At times I felt I would rather die than go through this. I finally made it and will never take it again!! - USA

Jill Walthew - I don't think I'll ever get off this drug. I don't need it any more but I can't face withdrawal again! - UK

Elizabeth Anne Waske - This is my third week of withdrawl symptoms. It doen't seem to be getting any better. For the third day in a row I have had to find a family member to watch my young children. It is hard for me to believe that something that was supposed to make me feel better, has put me in such a state of confusion. The "electric" shocks, headaches, vertigo are only a small fraction of side effects. There are times that I feel so awful that I wonder if life is worth living. I can't imagine spending the rest of my life feeling like this. - United States of America

Shawn McCleary - I have been on Paxil now for over three years always fearing having to stop taking it. Well, now I'm tapering off it with help from my PCP and it's pure hell. - USA

Amy Mayberry - Paxil has made my life hell from the withdrawls, even after I tried weaning myself off them. - USA

Luchianna Guzman - I have been "addicted" to Paxil for almost 2 years. It has truly ruined my life in many ways. I am down to taking half a pill

(5mg) every 4 days for the past 6 months, but cannot completely stop taking it. My fight to discontinue use of this awful drug is becoming more serious as I see the terrible ways that it has changed me. - USA

LISA HUFF - Trying to wean my fiancée off this ADDICTIVE drug. Why wasn't he warned of these potential dangers? Please take this drug off the market. - USA

Tammy DaSilva - I was on Paxil for 18 months, the side effects were so severe at one point I contacted my Pharmacist to ask if they had changed the ingredients. What a horrible experience, I increased my dosage, thinking it was me, finally my Dr. switched my Meds. - USA

Charlene Madosh - shocks down arms, dizziness, nausea, sounds when moving head - United States

J Carlisle - I think Dr.'s should be given more info. on side effects. Mine had no idea. I have been off Paxil for 6 months and still feeling side effects. They are no where near the hellacious ones I felt in the beginning, however, they are still there. It sometimes feels like I got my depression back with a vengeance. Please, warn people about what they are taking so they can make an informed choice. - USA

Anthony J. - It was a really rough and strange experience parting company with Paxil. My moods are all over the place and I think there are times when I feel worse than before being prescribed this medication. The wild mood swings and feelings of "electrical jolts" running from my head to my finger tips was terrible. I've been Paxil-free for almost seven months and I hope to never experience anything like this again. - Canada

Kimberly Lewis - horrific headaches, thought I had anthrax with these symptoms! - Hernando

Liam Mc Loughlin - I have had severe withdrawal effects too !! - UK

Grace R Jackson, MD - I am a psychiatrist who has prescribed Paxil to patients. In most of these cases, I have had to "refill" prescriptions of this drug for patients whose care I inherited from other providers. When

I have interviewed patients about the side effects of their SSRI, I have frequently discovered a wide range of debilitating side effects, including tiredness, insomnia, weight gain, and severe anxiety. Withdrawal from Paxil is one of the most common, and disabling, of all the SSRIs. Most patients have such severe anxiety -- even when they miss one or two days of the drug -- that they feel like their original condition has returned in a much more severe form. Of course, we know that pharmacologically, their receptors have been down-regulated and the symptoms really represent an acute withdrawal reaction of the brain. It would be so nice if SmithKlineBeacham would ADD these withdrawal phenomena to the DRUG LABEL, and would finally have its drug representatives and advertisements ACCURATELY reflect the fact that this drug is VERY addictive, and can take a tremendous amount of time to discontinue. God only knows what the long term consequences of Paxil usage will be. I am aware of fine study , published in the main professional literature, linking Paxil to an increased risk of benign AND malignant breast changes in women. This is another potential risk that is NOT being adequately explained or studied. I hope that SKB will do its best to assist physicians in providing TRUE, ACCURATE, and COMPREHENSIVE informed consents to all patients who are going to be given this drug in the future. Even better: Smith Kline Beacham should begin a PSYCHOTHERAPY ONLY wing of the company, diversify its resources, and begin advertising NON-toxic forms of treatment for patients who, I know, stand the best chance of recovery from a meaningful, supportive relationship with a therapist.....or via other non--pharmacological means of treatment (art, music, body therapy, writing, diet, exercise, meditation, volunteer work, etc). - USA

Lorna Skinner - ruined two and a half years of my life. thanks. - U.K

Christina Simpson - After quitting Paxil over 1 1/2 years ago, I am still suffering from the withdrawal effects and it has costs \$\$\$ trying to find out what has been my problem. Now I have to do physical therapy to fix the problem that Paxil caused. - USA

Martha Folmsbee - I am not a drug abuser, I have never used drugs yet I am going through hell to get off paxil. I have to wean myself, figure out how to do it myself, I get no support from family or doctors. Their response is always "just keep taking it" which infuriates me. I am supposed to take a medication that I don't need just because it makes me sick (physically sick) to quit????????!!!!!! - USA

Jennifer Wenger - I have been off Paxil for 8 days now and fell absolutely HORRIBLE!! I have been experiencing brain "zaps", electrical shocks, whatever you want to call them. I am dizzy, irritable, very depressed, extremely tired and just feel HORRIBLE!! This drug should be

taken off the market or the public should, at least, be informed of the the addictiveness and horrendous withdrawal symptoms of this drug before starting it so they can make a well-informed decision to take it or not.  
- USA

Terrie Fitzpatrick - I fee my morales and values have changed me so since I have been on paxil. I have gained a lot weight, and I have expierenced the brain zaps on missed doses. I am starting a weaning process today October 24, 01 and not looking forward to this. I had no Idea this was such an addictive drug. It has changed me forever. I started smoking too after 8 years of not smoking, and I am drinking more than usual. Time to get the hell off. Thank you for this site - USA

Melissa Fanska - I have been taking 20 mgs of Paxil for 6 years. I tried to stop taking it, not knowing any side effects or withdrawl symptoms would occur. Well, that was probably the most terrifying 3 days of my life! I have never felt rage, depression and anxiety in my life as I did when I stopped taking it. I had to have an emergency prescription filled immediately, and now I am absolutely terrified to stop again! My husband & I want to plan a family soon, and no pregnant woman should take Paxil as I have learned recently. How on earth am I going to do this?!? Thanks for aiding an addiction to an innocent woman who just needed a little help!. - USA

Ritchie Thorp - This is one EVIL drug to withdraw from! - UK

Christine M Staunton - This drug is very dangerous. While weaning off I thought I was going out of my mind one night in particular. It is the scariest thing I have ever experienced!!! - USA

Sarah Conlon - I am currently trying to quit paxil, for the fourth time in four years, and am experiencing terrible, almost incapacitating side effects, dizziness, tremors and heart palpitations. - United States

Carol Knowlton - this drug is extremely addicting. I have tried to discontinue using it and cannot because of the side effects that I get when trying. - USA

Jackie Choquette - I've been off paxil for a little less than a year and a half. I still occasionally get extremely violent as result of getting off paxil. I don't recommend taking it. - USA

Paula Whitehead - Terrible withdrawals - USA

Lucy Krause - Am currently tapered off Paxil and have been 11 days non useage and 11 days of dizziness, flu, heartburn,ect. If not for a loving and understanding spouse I would have no hope of being drug free in the future. Other patients must be warned about this "wonder drug"! Quitting is Hell!! - Lancaster Co, Lincoln, Ne

Gerry Roberts - I Can't Quit Paxil, and I was never told this could happen - USA

Kathleen - Please Help Me. If I had a gun I would blow my brains out. - USA

Victoria Cotton - If I could have seen what this drug did to my life before I took it, I would NEVER have taken it. - US

Fiona Kristine Patterson - I wouldn't wish what I have gone through with Paxil on my worst enemy, it has to stop. - United Kingdom

Heather E. Jaborsky - I have suffered from Paxil withdrawal after being on the drug for only 2 months at the minimum dosage. - USA

Luchianna Guzman - I have been "addicted" to Paxil for almost 2 years. It has truly ruined my life in many ways. I am down to taking half a pill (5mg) every 4 days for the past 6 months, but cannot completely stop taking it. My fight to discontinue use of this awful drug is becoming more serious as I see the terrible ways that it has changed me. - USA

Ronald L. Patterson - Why was I not told this almost unbearable withdrawal would occur when Paxil is stopped? - United States of America

THOMAS FLAHAHAN - I AM GOING THREW WITHDRAWL NOW. IT IS HELL! - USA

John Colucci - There was no awareness of these withdrawal problems. I cannot take it anymore. They needed to make this more available in terms of mentioning the possible delierum and etc related to cming off it. - United States

Helen Callahan - I took Paxil for 7 years, and now wonder what the long term effects are, I can't seem to find any reliable info about that. I was also very disgusted by the crass marketing of this drug during the 2001 World Series. - Osceola

Jonathan Fisher - suffer severly from 'zaps' whilst attempting to decrease dosage. have no idea how it will be possible to discontinue. - United Kingdom

Lisa A. Laudato - After suffering form severe daily migraines, I developed depression and severe anxiety. After being on 30 MG Paxil for three months, I decided to go off of this drug. I decreased the dose by 1/2 for one week and then went off competely. After one day I started to develop flu-like symptoms, hot and cold flashes and what I now know are called "the zaps". After a few more days, I became even sicker -- nausea, dizzy, fever, feelings of anxiety, "the zaps",headache, difficulty sleeping, bright lights bug me. I thought I just had the flu but it was not getting better. My father found the Paxil database and the information regarding withdrawing from Paxil. I can not believe that this horrible drug is on the market. Why would a drug company produce and distribute such a drug? Aren't they in the business of making people better, not worse? I have now stared taking this drug again and will try to wean off at a slower pace. I hope it works this time. If I had any idea that ther would be withdrawl symptom and that I would become "addicted" I would have NEVER gone on Paxil. - USA

KENNETH H. SYKES - I am going through hell in my withdrawal - Ontario, Canada

Elizabeth Wilkerson - dizziness,loss of balance,irritability!!!! - USA

Helen Harris - Paxil has ruined my life completely. I am unable to work. My life has eloved around the bed, doctors office, outpatient, emergency room and radiology. I am goinmg through stages that I never dreamed about because of this drug. - USA

Brian R. Johnson - I tried to get off the drug and was down to 5 mg a day, dropping 5 mg every 40 days from 40 mg, and it was too difficult to function, including suicial thoughts, that I raised my dose back to 20 mg. This is terrible. - Salt Lake County, Utah, USA

Gary Rule - I can't believe how much trouble this drug has caused me. From time out of work to feeling things were wrong with my body when they weren't. I'm enraged by what appears to be the cover up of withdrawal symptoms for so many millions of people. Currently I feel horrible because I am withdrawing from paxil. Even though I only take an 1/8th of a 20mg pill a day I feel like crap. Thanks - United States of America

Kevin Mark - If I would of been advised of the severe withdrawel effects I would of never taken Paxil - USA

Angela Hill - had a God awful time coming off, almost gave up - USA

Evelyn Williams - I'M STILL HAVING SIDE EFFECTS AFTER 5 YRS OFF OF PAXIL - USA

Jessica Yatrofsky - Paxil detroyed my life. - USA

Ben Gibson - I am a therapist,I,watched this drug destroy my sisters life,and i couldnt help her i want help now - U.S.A!

Dawn Mecham - I began taking Paxil a year ago and I began getting sick while I was still taking it. My symptoms were so severe I was in the emergency room four times in one month. No one knew what was wrong with me. I seemed perfectly healthy. They did a laporoscopy, a colonoscopy and two ultrasounds finding nothing. Finally I began seeing a naturopath and he helped me to come off all of the medications the doctors gave me including the Paxil. I am having a very difficult time coming off of the

Paxil. I have very severe electrical shocks which remind me of a fork scraping across a plate. The only thing is, it never goes away. - Placer

Veronica S. Fuchs - terrible withdrawl symptoms, I had to go back on I could not take it. - USA

Randi - paxil has been hell for me - and it's taking years to get off of it. - USA

Michael Simonik - I was only on 10 mg Paxil for six weeks. I dropped to 5 mg for one week and have been off of it for seven days now and I am in a living HELL. the dizziness, nausea, and headaches are killing me. It has to be Paxil withdrawal because I am on no other drug!! This drug should be illegal!!!! - USA

Thomas C. Warren - Trying discontinue Paxil is horrible! Severe withdrawal problems! - USA

Alice J. Wilson - I am a nurse and know withdrawal symptoms when they present in a patient...that patient was me! - USA

DENISE HOWARD - I HAVE BEEN TRYING TO COME OFF PAXIL FOR A MONTH.UNSUCCESSFUL.I WAS TOLD THIS DRUG WAS NOT ADDICTIVE.( BULL ) - UNITED STATES

Elizabeth R. Spreitzer - I have used paxil for over 7 years. I desperately want to stop using the drug and have tried,unsuccessfully, numerous times. The withdrawal is excruciating; both physically and emotionally. My fear or trying again overrides my strong desire to quit paxill as well as my sadness over excessive weight gain, sexual side affects, expense. You continue to market this product via television citing that it is not addictive. You are quite simply lying! - Brazoria

Tracey Thomas - I cannot get off of Paxil- even with new meds - USA

Krista Jones - I could not go to work, take care of my kids or even think about trying to drive my care due to the symptoms I had coming of paxil. I was diagnosed with vertigo, I could not sit even laying down did not help, as a matter of fact it was worse I felt like I was being pulled through my bed, it was the most awful feeling. - US

Matthew C. Bryant - I've recently taken myself off paxil in a tapered fashion. I wasn't ready for the difficult times paxil has caused me. - USA

Chris Stutler - This medicine makes me sicker than a dog! - USA

Chris Henderson - I am suffering from many of the withdraw syptoms described by others - USA

Judy Roesch - I am in my 7th month of trying to get off Paxil and am still having terrible side effects - United States

Sarah Parker - I was never informed of withdrawl and have been trying to get off it for a year with no success. - United States

Carol L. Patton - I thought the commercial claimed "non-habit forming", my fanny it's not. - United States

Mary Ellen McNickle - The withdraw is ruining my life - USA

Robert Howell - Still taking it; tried to switch to Wellbutrin and had withdrawal symptoms; unbearable to self and family. - USA

Helen Harris - My life is gone because Paxil has held me as a inmate in doctors' office and bed. I would like to have my life back without the pain and the suffering I am enduring. I would like to have a job working, enjoying my grandbaby, attending church when I want to, but I am unable to because Paxil has taken my life away from me. - USA

Lisa Darcangelo - i have been on paxil for 2 years now it has ruind my whole life my husband left me took my two children im sick all the time nasua still deppressed stil have anxiety i want off this med my dr say to take it well something must be done before im another suicide statistic!!!! my whole life is gone !!! myfamilygone!!!! when i do try to stop i get sicker than ever i get eletrical shocks throughout my whole body ihave gainde weght my biggest thing is my emostion sex drive and the fact my now ex husband has left me and took my girls somebody please do something about this awful drug - Volusia

Tero Kuoppala - I'm addicted and suffering. Long list of negative symptoms. - Canada

Brett Wika - Three years ago I nearly lost my life to paxil. I am still suffering from post withdrawal syndrome. I want my life back!!!!!! - U.S.A

Terry Connelly - Suffered terrible withdrawal difficulty - Canada

Judy Gray - The people who prescribe Paxil NEED to be educated on the effects this drug can cause rather than saying it's perfectly OK to use. There are a few people out there that have been very fortunate to get off the Paxil without too much of a problem, but there are too many cases where people are having severe withdrawal symptoms to say that this is normal. - U.S.

Micky Leon - I have no short term memory because of you !!! - USA

Erin Hopey - My Husband committed suicide after stopping Paxil. - USA

Karen Peters - I have seen first hand the effects of Paxil on my daughter who has taken it for years. - USA

Tammie Robinson - I have suffered severe Paxil withdrawal symptoms - West Virginia

Tove Dyrlid - I have used Paxil (in Norway known as Seroxat) since 1994 , and I have tried to come off it several times. I get so sick , and feel so bad that I get so scared that I always have to start taking the pills again. I want very much to quit using the drug, but it is impossible to come off it! - Norway

Rachael Schuman - the withdrawal effects of this drug are miserable, I was never informed of this or I would never have taken the drug - USA

Mary B. Steinsdoerfer - I have major concerns about Paxil. I have had terrible side effects when I have been without it for only 3 days. I was told that this drug stays in your system for a month so you can miss your medication if you need to. This is so very untrue ! I would like to be a part of what is happening here. I never knew there was a web site for this or even anyone else who felt like this. Please contact me if I can be of assistance. - USA

April Coburn - this drug is pure hell to come off of the FDA should be aware of this and take actions - United States

Jeaneen Andretta - Paxil has had such a bad reaction with me I can't wait to get it out of my system and feel healthier again. - USA

Kimberly A. Heyer - I have been taking Paxil since it was released. I feel trapped. Is there a solution? - USA

Robin - Reading everyone's post, I have finally opened my eyes to the fact that my best friend lost her battle due to Paxil withdrawals. She has suffered from depression since she was a child, and at 26 years old, she tucked her kids in bed, kissed her husband, walked outside her home and blew her brains out. God have mercy on the makers of this killer drug.. - USA

PATRICIA A. CUNNINGHAM - I have had panic attacks and severe depression with withdrawal from paxil, I have never had these feelings before and I am currently trying to go off paxil and am having sleeping problems, crazy feelings of anxiety. - Coweta

AARON TAMRAZ - I have been dealing with withdrawl syptoms going on 5 weeks after stopping Paxil cold turkey. These weeks have been the worst of my life. Hell does indeed exist. I am experiencing it now. - USA

Adam Rae - gave me horrible withdrawal symptoms. Have been off for 4 months and I have weird nudges inside my head. I also still have electrical shocks in my brain. - Nova Scotia

Gale Kubowicz - No one ever told me this drug was addictive. Had I known I would not have started. But now it is too late. Everytime I try to reduce my dosage I get headaches, nausea, light headedness, nightmares, sleep distrubance, and even the electrical 'zaps'. Then I realize that I need to use the pills to stop the side effects. I hate the dependency! I want out! - USA

David Faro - Going through a divorce a year ago, I was counselled to take paxil due to stress related depression and sadness. I was not really interested, but took the advice of my physician. I was told at the time that I could use it for a short period of time "to get my head together" and then cease to use paxil at a later date if I chose to. I don not feel I have that choice. As long as a half a year ago I tried to quit using the drug and have experienced extremely distressing physical side effects. No return of any kind of sadness or depression has resulted, however extreme electrical "zaps", dizzy and light-headedness, and fatigue occur, (to name the most salient side effects) if I attempt to not take paxil for any more than three days. I have been able to avoid these side effects by taking one 20 miligram pill every three days. I am more than ready to leave paxil, I don't think it has changed my life emotionally that much, however the physiological side effects are impossible to endure within my current work situation. Therefore I have no recourse but to continue paying for and taking the drug. I am not happy about this... am I addicted? If so I want to know how to leave paxil behind in the safest way I can. These side effects as I said are distressing to say the least. - Sarasota

Alessandro Cagliostro - Paxil is ruining my life - USA

Brenda Huggett - This drug almost killed my brother. Paxil has robbed him of the past three years of his life. - USA

Meleah Rodriguez - SHAME ON YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! For making me a drug addict!!!!!!!!!!!!!! - USA

Sarah Parker - I was never informed of withdrawal and have been trying to get off it for a year with no success. - United States

Christine Neukam - I have been taking Paxil for about 1 year...I am now TRYING to stop because of the expense, and I FEEL LIKE I AM GOING TO DIE!!! I have never been so debilitated before in my life...And yes, I am a recovering alcoholic, but it is still no excuse for the withdrawal that I am feeling...I cannot function...So why don't one of you wealthy supporters/manufacturers send me some where SAFE that I can DETOX off of the horrible poison of a drug that was prescribed to me...No less, I was not once advised of the debilitating side effects of stopping the drug...I feel like I am going to DIE!!! Someone needs to do something...FAST.... - USA

Martin Andersen - I have never experienced anything worse in my 34 years than coming off Paxil. - USA

Darlene G - THEY SHOULD NOT TELL EVERYONE THAT IT IS NON HABIT FORMING...I HAVE ONLY BEEN ON IT FOR LESS THAN A YEAR AND HAVE TRIED TO STOP AND THE DIZZINESS AND A CONSTANT NOISE IN MY EARS AND MUSCLE PAIN IS UNBEARABLE.. HOW CAN I GET OFF THIS AND NOT FEEL THE WITHDRAWALS. I AM ONLY ON A 20 MG AND I REDUCE TO 10 MG AND FINALLY NONE AND I HAD TO GO BACK ON THE 10 MG..I NEED SUGGESTIONS CUZ I DON'T WANT TO BE ON THIS THE REST OF MY LIFE. I WISH THAT I HAD NEVER BEEN INTRODUCED TO THIS AWFUL AND ADDICTING DRUG THAT THEY SAY IS NOT... USA

Robin Ertel - I had severe effects of my withdrawal - USA

Chris Dring - A horrible drug with awful side effects (acute anxiety and complete loss of confidence), which I was told was just the depression. I had never felt so bad and didn't feel any better until I stopped taking it (against the CPN's advice) and switched to Cipramil - England

Linda Aliena Martin - I took Paxil for over a year and the side effects were worse than the problem I was having with panic attacks. Even after quitting it am still having side effects. -Madison

Hayley Manning - I have been taking seroxat for 5 months now. My depression was never this bad and I have pestered my doctor to take me off these horrible drugs as I am not feeling suicidal but feeling destructive to anyone else. This is not me! You push these drugs to make big fat profits. How many of your mass killings in the states are linked to these drugs - I'm very interested!! You have no idea of the side effects I'm having and you have no interest either. Just so long as you all get your fat paychecks - you couldn't give a damn. I think the company is immoral, inethical, and greedy. All at the expense of patients like myself. I hope you all rot in hell, for screwing up my life. If I don't get my life back then you will be answerable and will someday have to pay the price. - United kingdom

Christy Graf - A terrible drug and represented falsely. It is a nightmare to try to get off of this monster drug - USA

Robert Donnelly - Paxil is very addictive and can be very painful to withdraw from. If you stop cold within a week you will not be able to function and will be in extreme pain. Doctors should not be able to perscribe this drug without telling the effects of withdrawing. My doctor told me it was a mild drug that was not addictive and would have very few side effects. - Portland, OR USA

Philip Sheridan - Paxil caused severe side effects, which resulted in actions leading to criminal charges being file against me. - USA

Jillanne Beam - I went through more than 3 months of withdrawal from Paxil, after about 2 1/2 years on the drug in treatment of severe clinical depression. The first few weeks were really awful, with emotional upheaval continuing for more than 3 months. It was awful, and I am definitely not a drug abuser! - Marshall County, Indiana

Allison L. Zimmerman - Suffered disabling vertigo for 6-8 weeks plus hives and general disruption of my life. - USA

Malinda - I am another out of thousands, who have lost so much to this drug. Yet, it's still being prescribed like tylenol. The evidence is there! HOW many more lives have to be ruined, or lost before something is done? While our lives continue to be ruined, SmithKline Beecham continue to get our money, as well as the doctors, pharmacies..... IT'S ALL ABOUT MONEY AND THEY ARE KILLING US - USA

P. Goebel - Paxil has nearly destroyed my life and my marriage. If I had known what hell it would put me through, I surely would have rather been afraid to leave my house forever than to suffer the horrible side effects and the hell of withdrawal. - USA

John Eisfeller - My wife started taking paxil 13 months ago, the nightmare could be a movie from hell. My wife has done things in the last year no one can believe. I am scared what quitting the drug will do to her. - USA

Matthew Dwyer - I have been on this damn medication for over 4 years because I cannot get off of it. Each time I try I get so sick that I am forced to start taking it again. Somebody please help me. - USA

Alicia Salas - Please warn the public of the dangers of taking Paxil. There are so many live that are being adversely affected by not knowing the truth about this drug. I know that it has made my life a living nightmare. - USA

JoAnn Johnson - Suffering from Paxil withdrawal - USA

Emily Neuroth - I completely support this petition. I too am suffering from Paxil withdraw - Marshalltown, Iowa USA

EILEEN HUTCHINGS - WITHDRAWAL FROM PAROXETINE CAUSED DIZZINESS  
,DEPRESSION,HEAVY NIGHT TIME SWEATS AND SUICIDAL THOUGHTS - GB

Brooke Pollinger - I have suffered from withdrawel symptoms for almost 4 months now, and I can barely go to work anymore. I keep on thinking and hoping that it will end soon, but it never does. I am signing this petition in hopes to stop the makers of this drug from hiding the facts of withdrawel symptoms from their clients. If I would have known about the withdrawel symptoms in the beginning, I would have never allowed myself to take this drug. - British Columbia, Canada

Mirella Villafuerte - I was 20 years old when I was diagnosed with GAD. Because I suffered from it so bad, I was duped into believing how excellent this drug was going to be and how there were no side effects involved. I felt good for the first month, then had to get my dosage increased and decreased several times because my body could not adjust very well. When I started seeing a different doctor, she told me that Paxil was the worst of all the drugs there were for GAD, so she recommended Serzone and Buspar. I took them for two weeks and became extremely ill, with electrical shocks all over my body, unbearable headaches and nausea, and had to take off a whole week of work. At first, I convinced myself that it was the new medication that was doing this to me and I demanded to my doctor to put me back on Paxil. I convinced myself that Paxil is the only medication that can work for me. Now that I have been researching more carefully, I realize that it was not the new medication that made me extremely ill for nearly a month, but it was the withdrawal symptoms from being taken off of Paxil. Now I want to get back off, but cannot afford to bring myself into such torturous feelings after leaving the medication. - US

Glenda - The withdraw from Paxil is severe,,,I have had bad tremors,,,headaches,,,night sweats,,,,nightmares,,,,dizziness,,,and the feeling of my eyes bulging out,,,bad concentration,,its horrible,,,moodiness,,,rest less,,I feel like a junkie hooked on drugs,,,  
- USA

LISA LINDSEY - Withdrawal is a nightmare, literally. - Onondaga

Catherine Amy Ray - Please---reformulate the drug, include information about withdrawal, or create another drug to help withdrawal. I was doing extremely well on the drug. However, I ran out of during the long Xmas holiday. I experienced terrible withdrawal, so I asked my pharmacist about withdrawal on the drug. He knew nothing, but graciously gave me some pills to tide me over. However, I experienced more symptoms even after resuming the medication. I did not double up on my dose, as I did not know if I should, and it occurred to me that perhaps there was not enough of it left in my system. I visited your website to see if there was someone I could call on a hotline or if there were any information. None. I was also completely shocked to see that paxil.com indicated that there were no addiction problems with drug. Good lord! I only took the drug for two months and was able to figure out that this is more than a little misleading. I was shocked. In any case, the fact that I realized I was physically dependent on the drug, coupled with your company's deceptive advertising really began to weigh heavily on me. What else is SKB not telling us about this drug? What if my withdrawal symptoms become worse if I stay on the medicine longer? I won't take this drug any longer. I am also going to email everyone I know about its effects and beg them to forward to everyone THEY know. I am going to tell my doctor and pharmacist, and document the symptoms. Finally, I am going to see

about how to file a complaint with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.  
- USA

Michele Saucier - I am so sad to see so many people feeling the same way I have when trying to get off of Paxil. I truly doubt I ever will be able to, due to the fact that the last time I merely missed a few doses I was suicidal, dizzy to an unbelievable degree, and I had NO idea how to proceed thru the next moment of my life- it was the most confusing, horrible feeling in the world. My doctor also doubted that my dizziness was due to the stoppage of Paxil--- do they think we are stupid??!! I am just incredibly scared that long- term use has repercussions that haven't even been seen yet---this is VERY scary - USA

Cheryl Heermann - because of your unwillingness to provide important information to the public and doctors, I am suffering more now than when I started taking Paxil 5 years ago. - United States

Erin Hopey - My husband (45) committed suicide a week after stopping paxil. - USA

Timothy D Little - The side effects of withdrawl are killing me!! - USA

Gretchen Baneyx - Took me a year to get off Paxil - USA

Brandi Hancock - this drug is horrible to stop taking! - USA

Jimmie Lou Elliott - this is the worst and only drug that I have ever had withdrawl syptoms from. This has got to be the worst drug on the market. The drugmake needs to immediately get info out to doctors. I find that they still don't know of this problem as of 12-2001!!!The withdraw has been disabling! From 60 mg to 10mg now. Been on 10mg for months. Can't seem to cut down from that amount. I'd like to be involved in the lawsuit. I never asked for this --had enough problems already!!!! - Mississippi

Cynthia Moore - I have been taking paxil for 3 years and CANNOT get off of them without severe side effects. If I had known this from day one i would not have begun taking them - USA

Melissa Pratt - My daughter had withdrawl symptoms when she was born. I was on paxil during pregnancy. - USA

Keith Martin - Paxil withdrawals; the most horrible experience in my life. The television advertizing stating that it is not habit forming is "absolutely false"! - USA

Sean Fitzpatrick - severe withdrawal symptoms - Canada

Audrey - Withdrawal from Paxil is on of the worst physical experiences I have had and I am angry that I was not informed of the symptoms before beginning the medication. - USA

Mary Simpson - withdrawl symphptoms are with me and I can barely function! I was only on the drug for 2 months - Clark County

Franco - Paxil withdrawals are unbearable. - USA

Eric Joseph Gagen - In the Process of quitting. It's a living HELL - USA

Sherry Phillips - horrid withdrawal symptoms when tried to stop - USA

Kevin Young - I have been unsuccessful in tapering off of Paxil on two attempts. The failure was solely due to the awful withdrawal symptoms. I became extremely nauseated and lethargic. I had the shakes also. I feel trapped, addicted to this medication. My life with it sometimes feels numb, but I can't withstand and overcome the terrible withdrawal symptoms. - Amherst County

Angela Fox - I am on my second attempt to discontinue Paxil - Canada

Martin Schires - I have been on Paxil for 5 years and get ill when I try to taper so I can quit. - USA

Darlene Cameron - I have only been on Paxil for 4 weeks (going into 5th). At this time, I have experienced volatile behavior, stomach upset when I miss a dose, weakness in arms, legs; I can barely complete a thought. I want to quit, but I am afraid to. If I even miss a dose, I am going nuts without it. I'll wring my hands, pace, get irritable, etc. - USA

Paula Gardiner - suffering from huge variety of withdrawal symptoms. - United Kingdom

Sundee Bickler - Was pulled off paxil cold turkey by my family doctor..had very sever symptoms - Snohomish

Nadine Dolan - I experienced severe withdrawal problems. - USA

Melissa Jacob - I am suffering from nightsweats, electric-shock sensations, suicidal feelings, and extreme mood swings after stopping cold turkey. I had been on 20mg of Paxil for only 6 weeks. - USA

Cynthia J. Dunderman - Sizzle, sizzle, sizzle - I went through hell withdrawing from Paxil. I don't believe my life will ever be the same. - United States of America

Michelle Ballard - I have tried to discontinue my use of paxil but after a month of unbearable withdrawl I started to take it again. I am now scared I will never be able to stop. - USA

David C Hall - Electric shock - Ontario

LISE B. - On Paxil since 3 years because of anxiety . Did good at first but I found out I'm addicted to it when I tried to get off it. The withdrawals effects are so strong - it causes even greater anxiety symptoms than before I started taking the drug . And I gained 30 pounds which doesn't help. - CANADA

Alan Karna - My sister-in-law is suffering severe withdrawl symptoms -  
United States of America

Suzanne Albert - I have been trying to get off of paxil for over a year  
and my doctor can't even help me. This drug shoul be banned! I have lost  
5 years of my life since I started paxil. No sex drive, no feelings, no  
nothing. It's not worth living like this!!!!!! - USA

Julia Long - Our son, Kenneth, committed suicide in December 2001 after  
having been on Paxil. We want this drug banned!!! I have heard horror  
stories over and over from other parents of suicide victims about Paxil!  
- U.S.A.

Kevin Smylski - Libido destroyed, memory loss, etc - Canada

Angela Juratovac - I have suffered severly due to Paxil. If I had know  
the truth I would have never started taking it. - Baltimore, Maryland

Anna Makoff - I need the pills yet I hate them. I cannot live without  
them yet I do not want to rely on them. I have no choice at all. -  
England

Julie C. Henry - I have had very bad withdrawal symptoms and have tried  
several times to get off of Paxil, unsuccessfully. - USA

Jamie Karna - I had no idea by going on this pill to help with  
anxiousness during my wedding that six months later I would feel  
awful....I've been so sick the past month trying to wean off this  
drug....I don't know what to do. Thank God for the chat rooms and support  
groups and people I've met. I thought it was just me and my body for  
about 2 weeks until I typed paxil into a search engine.... - Lansing, MI

Mary Goodwin - This drug is very addictive.My husband gets ill everytime  
he tries to stop taking it .He said he feels like a heroin addict. - USA

Alicia Salas - GSK, you have made my life a living hell. I have spent the last 1 1/2, living a nightmare due to taking the wonder drug that you call Paxil. You really need to take responsibility of the lives that you are ruining by continuing to produce this drug. - USA

Jerry Parrott - I have tried numerous times to quit Paxil, but cannot bear the tremors/anxiety/insomnia that comes after 2 days of not taking Paxil. - USA

Paula McIntosh - I have tried to stop taking Paxil for years. It's time for some accountability by SmithKline - USA

Philippe Lavigne-Labelle - Paxil is the worst medication I've ever taken - Québec, Montréal

Jessica A - When I was on Paxil it was a living nightmare I wasn't sleeping normally, loss of feelings, severe mood swings, no urge for sex...Paxil you're history, weren't you actually a drug to be used to help smokers quit smoking, I've studied you in my Psychology class and a lot of my classmates disapproved of you including my instructor; you're a DANGER to our society! - USA

Mary Turner - I suffered from withdrawal and repeatedly had to increase my dosage while on Paxil. - USA

Greg Clement - Very bad anxiety during withdrawal from only 20mg. - Canada

Carly Toutant - Paxil has taken my life away - USA

April Coburn - This drug is so hard to withdraw from almost impossible - United States

Vickie Burns - I wish I'd never started taking Paxil... - USA

KB - electric zaps to my body have occurred while trying to get off Paxil  
- Canada

Mila Theroux - former paxil recipient- experienced many negative affects  
that have been emotionally damaging - USA

Amy Marie Sawyer-Hammond - I suffered severe withdrawal and still suffer  
from various problems to this day. I want the tv ads to stop and the  
public to know the truth. I would never wish for even my worst enemy  
to endure what I have had to. - USA

John Alan Doan - This is the most horrible thing I have had done to me. -  
United States of America

Kelly Browne - I am appalled and unbelievably dissapointed in a system  
that allows such an unbelievably terrible drug to be administered and  
prescribed with NO warning to patients. I have been sufferring intense  
paxil withdrawal symptoms for 6 days now. Constant Nausea, electric  
shocks, dizziness, an inability to think clearly, vivid terrifying  
nightmares, heart palpitations, sweaty palms, delayed vision, panic. The  
list is endless. I would NEVER have taken this drug, which was  
precribed for me to treat a mild depression, if I was privy to the  
hellish symptoms it would cause for me later. - Canada

Judy Clubb - It was hell to withdraw from rhis drug - USA

Liz - ruined almost two years of my life - Canada

Tammy Tate - having withdrawls from paxil went to the doctor last month  
he gave me antibiotics and dizzy pills made the withdrawls worse went back  
on paxil for a month ran out again the same thing happeened again i  
figured out it was the pills doing it - USA

Tina Banker - I am desperately trying to get off of paxil...I have been  
on it for two years on 20mg dosage/day or lower..mostly only 10mg  
/day...why on earth should it be so hard to stop taking it???? - USA

Julie A. Blaylock - I thought I was going crazy from the withdrawal symptoms I suffered. - USA

Adrienne - I have never felt more sick, or desperate, in my life. After only 6 months on paxil I am addicted and now experiencing debilitating withdrawal effects. - Canada

Sarah Elliott - Something should be done to stop this drug - going through withdrawal for 6 months now and still not off! (side effects that I was never informed of, oh yes, asked GP for advice on withdrawal...he knew very little but had heard some of the withdrawal methods but I was told "this is a new drug, no-one really knows alot about withdrawal" THANKS TO THE GP WHO ORIGINALLY PRESCRIBED THIS TERRIBLE DRUG. - United Kingdom

Cheryl A Sotelo - For the past 1 and a half years, I have been on Paxil and this is my second time trying to get off. I am under a Dr.'s care, and even so, because of the withdrawl systems, I am having difficulty getting off this medication. - USA

Laura Dunning RN BSN - I just want everyone who preceded me in signing this petition, THANK YOU!! I have some point of closure about what is going on with me. I had been taking varing doses, starting with 20mg daily and over time had to increase it to 40mg. It worked great for me while I was on it for that 18 months. But after the 30# weight gain, I figured it was time to come off, with my Dr's approval. I was told by my MD and pharmacist that a slow weaning over 2 weeks would be just fine. Well, that's a damn lie. I spent the evening in the ER last night for electrical shocks going all over my body, dizziness, numbness, nausea, and worrying that I was going to keel over at any momement. They told me I need to have a CT and an MRI of my brain and spine to rule out MS and Spinal Stenosis. Now lets talk about anxiety. After reading everyone's comments, it all hits home. I had quit Paxil 4 days ago, and now I feel like shit. But at least I know why. This is insane! I had done all the reading on Paxil in the drug books and PDR before I started, but nowhere did it state what kind of side-effects there are upon cessation of the med. I only hope this passes quickly and that the loved ones in my life are still there for me after all is said and done. Again, Thank You to every one that sigined before me and good luck to the ones who will sign after me!!! - USA

Beverly Beavers - when i was taken off paxil, my dizziness and confusion was so bad my doctor sent for a brain scan and test. i requested she let me go back on the paxil and as soon as i did the symptoms disapeared. but it was until i got online and discovered to my amazment that others were having the very same symptoms. - Franklin

Corinna M. Teichrib - Prior to my knowledge of "discontinuation syndrome" of Paxil, I have repeatedly tried to come off of Paxil and suffered severe withdrawal symptoms. I have small children and am afraid to come off of Paxil now because of the effects this may have on my family. - Canada

Rob - Thankyou for giving me more problems than i started with!!! - UK

Lowell Hubbs - I seen the Paxil commercials, and was on another prescription drug, and I asked to be swithched to Paxil. I never questioned if Paxil was addictive, was told nothing by my doctor. Reading pharmacy and drug book information, did not say anything about it being habit-forming, nor addictive. After a few months on the drug, I tried going off, cold turkey, and the result was electric zaps throughout my body, mostly my arms and legs, and a strange whoosh-like sound in my head, that every time I moved; it felt like some sort of seizure of brief but repeatative nature. Memory is terrible; that and extreme fatigue, now that I have tapered the dosage to 10 mgs; I am scared of going to 5mgs. I will know later how that turns out. Paxil is a terrible drug-that I never would have taken, had I known the truth. It is beyond human comprehension, how such lies can be perpetrated on such a large number of people across this entire country; and all in the name of wrongful profit. - S. D.

Gail Conley-Reagan - I have experienced severe withdrawasystems from Paxil... - USA

Cindy Belzile - I feel very angry and trapped. I'm afraid to stop taking Paxil - Canada

Peg Nolan - Paxil withdrawal was a horrible experience! - USA

Andrea Innes-Michailov - The FDA should answer for its approval of Paxil, the manufacturer lies and says it may cause weight loss, the withdrawal symptoms were INTOLERABLE - USA

Eileen Gallagher - My family recently witnessed the drastic effects Paxil can have on a person. My father was put on Paxil for a mild depression that was diagnosed during a routine physical. My usually energetic, positive-thinking father became withdrawn, tearful, jittery, paranoid, & DEPRESSED within 2 days of taking the 1st Paxil dose. We were shocked and confused at first, thinking that somehow he had suddenly fell into a deep depression. We now realize it was the Paxil. He is off of it now and back to his usual self, and actively getting involved in notifying physicians & the FDA about his experience. It can be a dangerous drug, and should not be prescribed so casually. All my father really needed was some counseling to help him figure out how to handle retirement! - USA

W.R. Sutton - Having tried to get off and failed twice, I am still on Paxil. Not sure if getting off the drug is what I should do, but it is scary. It has been about 7 years now. - USA

Tammy Pennington - I am addicted to paxil and I am very angry to know that I was told it was non addictive; when in fact it is very addictive. I have been on paxil for about 4 years and I know it's side effects and I know that it is addictive. - USA

Glenda Harris - I myself have not taken paxil but my sister n law has. She and I are very close so I have learned alot about this drug and feel this company does not represent the truth behind this drug and it makes me furious to see so many people getting "hooked on this" - USA

Ken Edgeworth - been on it 8 yrs. Tried to quit 5 times - Canada

Nicol Campise - The pamphlet states that Paxil is not addicting. If that were true then I would never have felt so miserable when I ceased taking the pill. - USA

Amy R. Jenkins - I thought I would die while withdrawing from Paxil - USA

Angel Baumann - Stopped Paxil when I got pregnant - severe, severe withdrawal symptoms - wish I had been warned! - U.S.A.

Lynn Nirenberg - Paxil withdrawal is a nightmare. - USA

Leslie - I have just started taking this drug a couple of months ago and missed a few doses and experienced many of these side affects - USA

John Hernandez - I'm signing this petition through experience. I suffered extreme withdrawals after coming off the drug. - USA

James Towner - I am a Paxil user and have been dealing with the withdrawl symptoms especially the jolting electric "zaps" which are starting to get worse and more frequent. - United States

Kimberly Cohen - I am having horrible withdrawals getting of Paxil. - United States

CONNIE CONWAY - I'm having problems with the withdrawel and it is addicting - Blue Springs Mo. USA

Scott Winterhoff - The side effects I had on paxil were hellish and trying to ween off it has been even worse. I'm light headed, sick to my stomach, tired, feel like I have the flu every day. I'm sick and tired of being sick and tired on this medication - United States

Lisa Williamson - Horrible withdrawal symptoms that mimic depression symptoms resulted in unnecessary drug changes and/or increases. My therapist was completely unaware of the "the zaps" and just continued to perscribe yet another SSRI! JUST BECAUSE THEY'RE PROFESSIONALS WITH DEGREES DOES NOT WARRANT OUR COMPLETE COMPLIANCE AS PATIENTS..Ive learned the hard way we must be our own advocates. God Bless All! - Ontario CANADA

Debra A. Butler - I am a therapist who is experiencing withdrawal. Still, I had no idea how debilitating it could be to discontinue with this

medication. I am angry that the makers of Paxil and my doctor did not inform me about or help me through symptoms such as "seizure-like" sensations that occur 100's of times daily, nausea, and dizziness. It was only when I went to the internet that I could validate my experience. - USA

Lisa White - suffering from paxil withdrawl - USA

Susan Shaner - Xanax was a piece of cake to get off of. Paxil is IMPOSSIBLE - USA

Patricia D. Gibson - I have been suffering severe withdrawals from paxil for over a year...of hell - Virginia Beach, Virginia

Helen Bakaszynsky - I have been taking paxil since 1999, although intially very happy with how it helped me cope with my depression, I have been unable to stop takin it due to the severe and distrurbing withdrawal symptoms. My doctor has been of little help in this respect and can't even accept there are side effects. I will try again knowing this time, that these awful feelings are due to the drug that I was told would help me get better. - UK

Alain de Zilva - I have been weaning down the paxil for 4 months now, each one worse that the last. SKB lies in their TV ads for paxil... Paxil is habit forming! and the withdrawals are worse than the original problem... - Canada

Trisha Spinelli - Been off Paxil 4+ years and still suffering from side effects. I had none of these neurological problems prior to taking this poison. And I was only on it a little over 3 months. GSK is shameless for lying about the dangers of this drug. - USA

Janaki Kagel - It is very important to be upfront about possible addiction... I had a withdrawl episode and almost ended up in a mental institution. I was on the floor, shaking and crying. It was the single most horrible experience of my life. I would not wish it upon anybody, and i doubt that you would either. If I had known that that sort of thing might happen, I would still have chosen to go on the drug, but I would have been much more careful about taking the drug acurately and weening off of it correctly. - US

Sue Mason - I have been trying to get off PAXIL for about a year with no success so far. - USA

T. Anderson - Definitely is an addictive drug as I have had to increase my dosage each year (over almost 9 years) to get the same effect ... and have extreme side effects when increasing or decreasing dosages. - Washington County, Oregon

Joyce Papania - my daughter has been on Paxil for about 5 years now. We have tried a few times to wean her down or off Paxil and she winds up having severe anxiety attacks. If I had known this, Paxil would not be in her system now. The doctors don't tell you that this drug is not easy to come off of. My daughter is tired all the time, does not have normal bowel movements like she used to, and in general, totally dependant on Paxil. This should be against the law. - Los Angeles

Karen - I am addicted and need help! - USA

Gloria Herrick - Have been on Paxil for 1 1/2 months and tried to quit. Had seriously bad headaches and found the Paxil Database. All this garbage scared the hell out of me, so I started taking it again. The headache went away and hasn't come back. So I know it was because of the Paxil. Now I don't know what the hell I'm going to do. Scared out of my mind! - UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Patrice L. Schaff - Was prescribed Paxil for 8 years. Doctors did not believe that I was going thru withdraw every time I tried to wean myself from it! - USA

Liliane M. Lykes - Horrible effects from withdrawal - USA

Greg Baird - I have never taken drugs prior to use of paxil for treatment of obsessive compulsive disorder. I'm absolutely amazed that while this drug was very effective in relieving my symptoms, I'm particularly distressed and amazed at how miserable the withdrawal symptoms are after discontinuing it. I take particular exception to your company's

suggestion that only drug abusers are likely to experience these horrible side effects of discontinuation. I am considering legal action. - USA

Lori Hurd - My doctor does not believe me when I tell him I suffer because of the withdrawals from Paxil. He tells me that I must "need" the Paxil. I am a very healthy person otherwise, not ever addicted to anything. This drug definitely has very FRIGHTENING withdrawal symptoms. I do not like to idea of being on medication for the rest of my life needlessly. - United States of America

Ronald F. Welch - Have tried for 5 1/2 years to quit, Can't ! - USA

Rosalind Gaines - became phycially ill on paxil for five years - U.S.A

Donovan - Still suffering 2 months later - Canada

Jackie Miller - My 14 year old son is on Paxil and the withdrawal has been a nightmare, so much so that I have put him back on it! I can't bear to watch him suffer through his withdrawal. It's truly been a nightmare... - USA

Wayne Gernon - Attempted 4 times to get off of drugs. Been on it for 5 years - United States

Dan Spinale - have been on paxil for 6 years, tried to get off 3 times, am trying again but having bad withdrawals - USA

Jessica A. Stewart - I started taking paxil in 1997. 60mgs. Then when summer would come the doctor would drop the dosage to 40mgs. because of the reaction I would suffer from the heat. this went on for 5 years. Till Oct. 2001, when I started to have an allergic reaction to paxil. Nov. 17 2001 , my doctor just cold turkey me off of it. 7 weeks of pure hell. and that is being nice about it. I felt as though I was going insane. There were times that I could not even get out of bed, or eat. Christmas was not very merry for me or anyone around me. I wish that someone would have told me what kind of hell I was in store for, before I ever took that frist dose of paxil. I wonder if it really helped my panic attacks,

anxiety attacks or not. I seem to be doing better since I have stop taking paxil. - USA.

Zoe - It will ruin my life, I can not come of them and want answers. - Hertfordshire, England

Mary Grovers - Have had horrible side effects trying to get off Paxil; and have been denied insurance because I'm on it - Trinity County, CA

Ramona Jenson - I am outraged that a company has misled so many doctors and patients for what was for them a great financial gain. I want to make them sorry they ever withheld information, and yes I want them to pay for their wrong doings. This sight has helped me to know that others have experienced what I am experiencing right now and are still there to tell about it. The neurological effects of going off paxil are unimaginable. The doctors tested me for all sorts of spinal cord problems and neurological diseases before the neurologist finally went online and found out that a withdrawal symptom of paxil was tingling. I have numbness of my hands, feet, and mouth. The tingling associated with this seems to cover my whole body much of the time, and it feels as though I am at the dentist receiving nitrous oxide for dental work. The past week I have had clicks and zaps in my hands and wrists. After sleeping for a couple of hours I wake up with my legs feeling so asleep that I have to hold onto things to make sure I can walk. My hands are normally either freezing cold or feel like they are burning up. I have tinkling in my nose which is enough to make me feel like screaming, but I don't. My mouth feels as though I am constantly sucking on secrets, yet at the same time it is soar and very dry. I am eating, but only do so because I know I have to because I am a diabetic. I really don't feel like eating. These symptoms are real. The paxil medication is the cause for them. Three doctors and five office visits passed before a physician even knew why I was having these symptoms, yet at every visit I asked, "Could it have anything to do with my decrease in paxil?" In fact, they even allowed me to quit the paxil because of the dry mouth. They were unaware of the addiction paxil causes. I hope to God that I can get through this without taking another paxil tablet again. As the numbness and tingling continue to get worse, I am scared of what it will feel like when/if the intense feelings of numbness and tingling I have on my hands and feet cover my entire body. I am angry at the makers of paxil! - USA

Sabrina Rankin - It took me over 4 months to get off paxil and I still have side effects. - USA

Paulette Kinder - Trying to get off of this drug is horrible had i known I would have never even started it. - U.S.A

Alison Thomas - withdrawal from paxil - headaches - passed out - zaps in brain- foggy head - Canada

Tony Harper - I was not informed how difficult it is to stop taking Paxil. It is worse than the anxiety attacks! - USA

Alice M. Kratz - Withdrawal syptoms are awful - USA

Amy DiTrani - Have been on Paxil for 2 years, have gone through withdrawal hell when my prescription ran out, and thought i was crazy since i hadn't known that withdrawal was a possibility... now am weaning myself off, but withdrawal has started again, even though i have been decreasing the dosage by 5mgs... so even weaning can cause withdrawal... i am dizzy, if i move my eyes too much i feel like i am going to fall over, so disoriented... non-habit forming, my ass... i hate paxil... if i had known i would have never gone on it... i am just scared that the withdrawal is going to get so bad, i am going to give up and go back on it... it is a vicious circle... and i can't believe that the drug manufacturers can blatantly lie about all this.. it makes me sick... - USA

Katrina Marlowe - I have been off paxil for 1 week, and the withdrawal symptoms are so severe, I can't carry on normal life, and have even been to ER because of it. - USA

Jeffrey Hutchinson - severe memory loss and confusion on Paxil, depression and psychosis during withdrawal. I started the drug again and am about to try to get off of it again. - US

Peter Belfield - I have been taking Seroxat 20mg/day for 4 months, and this week I halved the dose. The consequences were distressing nightmares, violent thoughts, severe dizziness and nausea. I am off work with this, and I read the patient information leaflet that says "you cannot be addicted to Seroxat". I think something is severely wrong as I wouldn't have taken the drug if I knew the withdrawal is as bad as this. - England

Emma Mace - i am withdrawing now and it is very scary -Australia

Larry W. Collier - I am having the same side effects while trying to get off of Paxil that I read about on the internet that everyone else is having. That is why I searched the net to see if it was just me. The doctor said that Paxil wasn't habit forming but failed to mention the problems associated with discontinuing the drug. - USA

Kristin Monesmith - I have never been addicted to anything in my life but Paxil and I want off it!!!!!! - USA

Lisa Rizzi - I have had major side effects from paxil. I am not depressed but have had a problem with anxiety and now I have nightmares, dizziness, fatigue, headaches, blurred vision, hallucination of movement, neck pain, gastroenteritis, extreme ear pain, problems breathing and very upsetting heart spasms and so on. I live in fear of withdrawls and I feel as though Paxil hasn't helped me calm down but it has made my body sick and weak. I had to drop out of college and quit my job because I couldn't even see straight. I am 19 years old and I can't tell myself that it is going to be alright. - Canada

Mary J. Ryan - My MD advised me to taper from 20mg to 10 mg to nothing. I am experiencing extremely uncomfortable withdrawal symptoms that I have just realized are attributable to my discontinuance of this drug. More public information and caution must be exercised regarding stopping Paxil - United States of America

Wendy Fiolek - I went on Paxil for a month for depression and anxiety. Actually my doctor had discussed me going off and I was against it because I worried about withdrawal symptoms. Then I discovered that I was bipolar and couldn't stay on Paxil and I was on a pretty high dosage - 40 mg a day. My doctor told me to stop immediately and I started Depakote. I was only off one night and I couldn't believe the symptoms I had. Horrible insomnia, the most violent nightmares I have ever had, my leg and arms were jerking involuntarily, and the most disturbing which I had read about was that I had this buzzing inside of my head and ears like a zap or like I was being shocked and I was afraid it wouldn't stop. I hope Paxil is taking off the market. It isn't at all what it is cracked up to be and I would tell anyone not to go on it. - USA

Paula G - 3 months into Seroxat cold turkey and things are getting even worse. Thank You GSK for your corruption and deceipt. - Wales UK

John S. Sindoni - Very uncomfortable and frightening withdrawal symptoms  
- United States

Jennifer Foley - trying very hard to get through, it's hell.. week 7 -  
Ontario, Canada

Skye Zamalloa - I have taken paxil for three years, complications were ignored by my psychiatrist and I was told to add an anti-psychotic to my Paxil-Klonopin cocktail. I have been trying to get through the horrible withdrawal for over a year. The withdrawal symptoms are so unbearable one continues taking the medicine for relief. How is this anything but capitalist controlled drug-dependency? - USA

Joy Pow - this has been the worst thing I have ever gone through - the withdrawal side effects are still going on and it has been months. -  
Canada

Laura Egan - Paxil withdrawal sufferer for over 4 months - USA

Peggy MacPhie - Having been on the drug for a month and a half and gone off the drug I can tell you that the long term side effects are a lot more severe than the reason I went on the drug to begin with. - Canada

John Warner - Living Hell since off Paxil 6 days ago - Canada

Vanessa Hawkins - I have been on this drug for a little over a year and now want to get off of it, I have had all of the side effects from coming off this drug after you advertise that it is not addictive and there are no effects - United States

Amanda Thomas - Have tried to get off of Paxil three times, the "zaps" are really annoying and you do feel like you are "floating around" I figured too, that I needed the drug since I had those withdrawal

symptoms. Now I am scared since I have learned that I am addicted to this drug. May God help us all recover from this. - United States

Theresa M. Saik - The side-effects of withdrawal really stink. It has truly affected my happy and calm disposition. The zap sensation is the worst I have ever experienced. I truly believe doctors should be better informed as to the side-effects of withdrawal. - USA

Renny C. Smith - I was only on Paxil for 3 weeks (max. dose of 30 mg.) I didn't like the way it made me feel like a zombie, so I tapered off over 1 week. 3 days after my last dose, my hellish nightmare of withdrawal began. It's been a week now and I am still suffering from "zaps", ocular migraines, vertigo, nausea, fever and chills. How can Dr.'s prescribe this drug without mentioning these horrifically dangerous withdrawal symptoms? The Dr's don't know nearly enough about this drug to be prescribing it. I hope my hell is over soon! - USA

Cheryl Maggs - To think I trusted the words of a psychiatrist and let him put my already disabled (aarskog syndrome & autistic/pdd)13 yr. old son on 30 mg of paxil for treatment of panic disorder, depression, and obsessive compulsive disorder. Not only did I demand to have him weaned off this drug because he demonstrated serious and dangerous behavioural issues both at school and home where safety was an issue for himself and others, little did i know what was ahead for him coming off this paxil poison. As I write this, this poor child is having headaches, dizziness, nightmares, nightsweats, flu like achiness all over his body, bouts of crying, moaning and groaning, extreme nervousness and anxiety, sleeplessness, and gastric problems. Today, he told me he felt like dying. All this is happening because I trusted a Dr. of Psychiatry with my child who told me that Paxil didn't have as many side effects as other medications. I, as a parent, am feeling guilty for administering such a drug to my child who trusts me to protect him always, but I am also extremely angry at the producers of this horrible drug who did not issue label warnings of addictiveness and extreme mood changes and at the FDA for allowing such a drug on the market. Someone needs to pay for this gross deceit to the public!!! My son and our family have been to hell and back for the past six (6) months and I pray that there will be an end to this nightmare for my innocent son who does not understand what is happening to him or his body. My son or I do not sleep at night....DO YOU SMITHKLINE BEECHAM AND PAXIL??? (Just an FYI....The Psychiatrist told me to cut his dosage from 30 mg to 15 mg and after 6 days of doing this, he advised me to stop giving him the Paxil completely and within 2 days the withdrawals began) Signed, a seriously concerned loving Mother speaking for a child who can't speak for himself :( - United States

Jacquie Coghill - getting off these pills is tearing my life apart -  
Canada

Jan Gordon - This medication has caused me to grind my teeth. I feel  
nausea, headache, shivery, and generally unwell when I try to go for  
more than two days without this. - UK

Michael K. Piper - I am horrified to only now be finding out the reality  
of the major withdrawal symptoms of Paxil. I have only been on the  
medication, at merely a 20mg/day dose mind you, for approximately 5  
months. I saw absolutely no change whatsoever in my original symptoms,  
so I decided to quit taking Paxil. My physician even stated that I should  
have no problem quitting being that my dosage was so low. Little did he  
know. I hope my name appearing on this petition along with the others  
helps to resolve this matter for the benefit of those like me who are  
going through the HELL of Paxil withdrawal. - USA

Wayne Gernon - Attempted 4 times to get off of drugs. Been on it for 5  
years - United States

A. Merlo - Withdrawal has been agonizing - was not informed at all of  
addictive properties. My body feels permanently altered. - Canada

Nicole - This drug is ruining my life, and it is very hard to get off! -  
USA

Sandra Jean Mitchell - My depression was the result of the Medical  
Communities incompetence. I was diagnosed as psychosomatic. They offered  
Paxil or forcible hospitalization. A year later, a neuropsychologist  
discovered I was not crazy, but inflicted with Lyme Disease. With Paxil,  
I now have more physical and mental problems than I began with and if not  
more hopeless, still depressed. In order for you to know what I  
experience when I even forget to take my 20 mg Paxil each day; turn on a  
table lamp, take out the light bulb and stick your finger inside the  
socket till you experience the shock. Take it out and put it back in,  
take it out, put it back in. . ect. Better yet, get a lamp for each hand  
and remember to do it always, no breaks allowed. How long can you take  
it? Those of us on Paxil, who experience this side effects, just have to  
take it. The choice is Paxil or the shocks. This just the beginning.  
After you get through the physical shocks, there is a whole realm of  
other side effects just as disturbing. - United States

Deb La Plante - I took Paxil for 5 days and hated how I felt, so quit taking it. The next 12 - 14 days were a living hell. I've NEVER been so sick in my whole life and contemplated suicide during that time. Paxil and other SSRIs are a true load of crap, a dangerous load. GSK owes us all, BIG TIME! They're lying, cheating, drug dealing criminals, who don't give a crap who they make suffer as long as they're making a lot of money. - USA

John Simmons - My 1st wife and I were prescribed paroxetine in 1991. She committed suicide in 1991 and I am still on the tablets 11 years later. Cannot get off having tried many times. - UK

Gina Giaccotto - I take Paxil-and stopped taking it for 3 days about 2 months ago-Had terrible withdrawel symptoms, so I started taking it again. - USA

Beth Vedder - I am having horrible problems withdrawing from this drug! - USA

David Dalton - I have watched my partner going through hell and it still isn't over. I have seen the suffering her friends, on support boards and in emails, are going through either from taking Seroxat or by losing children through this drug. The death and suffering caused to what were once vital, happy, loving and loved members of the human race by self-seeking people in search of power and money fills me with utter revulsion. - UK (Wales)

Laurie Groshong - The withdrawls are horrible - U.S.A.

Dan Spinale - have been on paxil 8 years, severe withdrawal symptoms - USA

Scott Kennedy - Paxil withdrawal was the worst few months of my life. - USA

Leigh Sobhani - I have never taken any illegal drugs and don't drink alcohol, and my distress at having been unwittingly prescribed an addictive drug (my experiences now of unsuccessful withdrawal, side affects and relapse have convinced me of the addictive nature of Paroxetine) are totally unjustifiable. I have lost 2 years of my life to the ups and downs of Paroxetine (I am now 25ys old) and don't want to see others being deceived in the same way. - United Kingdom

T. Billings - After several unsuccessful attempts to get off Paxil, I cannot believe that SKB has the nerve to promote Paxil as non-habit forming. I have personally called the company and told them of the difficulty in getting off this drug as have many, many others. You people continue to lie about the addictive quality of the drug you make and cause unbelievable damage in the lives of those who trust you. This suffering is all in the name of money. How incredibly selfish and cruel!!!! I will, from this day forward, always ask the physcian what company makes the drug he/she is giving me, and if the answer is SKB, I will refuse. I DO NOT trust you. You continue to lie about your product to innocent people. I will never buy a product associated with SKB again for the rest of my life!!!! - USA

Jacquelyn A. Penczek - I went off Paxil slowly a year ago..now I'm back on it. I've learned that unless I want to go through foul side effects, I might be taking it for the rest of my life. Is that what the company wanted in the first place? - USA

Thomas Donahue - I can't even shake the problem of comming off paxil I have a bad headache and I feel like I am going to pass out so I have to take another Paxil to try and rid my body of this awful feeling.I feel like a junky and cannot stand to live my life like this. - U S A

TJ Meadows - I was one of these users of paxil and I am still suffering from side effects after 2 months when I stopped using it. - USA

Ani Desilets - I went through hell trying to get off it so I am back on it .....no withdrawl or non-habit forming what a lie - USA

Kit Wong - Paxil is 100% addictive - US

Cheryl Blauvelt - Horrible withdrawal, felt suicidal - USA

Kelly S. Madsen - Paxil is the single worst thing that has happened to me in all 36 years of my life! It should be removed from the market! - United States

Megan Leonard - paxil withdrawls are extreme! - United States

Lisa Clifford - This drug is addictive and has been a nightmare to get off... AND it put 50 pounds on me...somehting the doctors said COULDNT happen.....go figure. - USA

Mark E. Riensche - Its over - I'm free of your drug - after four years and numerous attempts to stop I finally was able to make the break. It took me three and a half months of weaning to get from 40mg to 1mg. I thought I was stuck, then read about 5-HTP (griffen bean extract). Stopped Paxil and substituted a 50mg of 5-HTP to counteract the withdrawal symptoms. Its over. Finally, its over. To my fellow petitioners, there is hope. PS: File a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission, it the right thing to do. - USA

Elizabeth A. Reed - serious withdraw complications - USA

Lois Sales - have tried to get off of this several times. each time I thought I was going to die, I was so sick. I had to keep taking it! I am trying to get off it again. This time I will scratch off a little bit more each day with a knife, hoping that maybe in four to six months I will be off this stuff. - USA

Kathleen Edgett - Been addicted for 6 years Lost Jobs from missed work trying to get off this crap, mislead into beleiving it was safe and non addictive, even have taken it during pregnancy as apparantly safe. - Canada

Andrea Bishop - Would never have started taking this medication if I had known how it would effect me when I stopped taking it. How dare you falsley market this medicine and ignore the people you are supposedly trying to help. - USA

Fiona Wilde - I'm signing this in the hope that this drug eventually gets taken off the market and other people will be spared what I have gone through with this horrendous drug. - UK

Carolyn Griffin - addict to paxil also shocks my brain - USA

Angela M. Smith - Shy 18-year-old, who saw ad on t.v. for social anxiety disorder, received 1 months supply of Paxil with six refills, no warnings of side effects, had Rx within a 3 minute visit with doctor. Paxil sent to me HELL. This medicine is worse than any "street drug" could possibly be. SKB should be held accountable for my misery. - USA

Sarah M. - My 16 year old brother murdered a friend after being on Paxil for only 6 weeks. He recently got sentenced to 70 years in prison (he is now 17)!!! My family and friends are completely shocked and many psychiatrist's witnessed (under oath) during his trial that there were no known negative side effects. My family and I want justice!! This horrible drug, and many other SSRI's need to be taken off the market before someone else ruins their life! - USA

Melanie Harrison - I get "head zaps," headaches, heart palpitations, tight chest, confusion and dizziness if I forget to take my pill for just one day - USA

N.Perales - This Drug has put me threw a living Hell.. My life sucks people I Love are suffering with me ... SmithKline Beecham should take a piece of there own crappy pink drugs and have them taken away and see how they cope with no paxil... no sleep... no memory... and most of all the loss of lives from people who ave acted on there anger from this drug and not understanding to those who have hurt themselves because of this poison you all so much recommend and say that it is not habit forming when in fact it is just as bad as any drug they sell in the streets..... HOW COULD YOU EVEN SLEEP AT NIGHT))))LOSERS... I hope you get yours..... - USA

Phil Torres - paxil is the key that breaks in the lock. - USA

Carrie A. Blouin - Have used Paxil for 3 years at 30mg, was never told of side effects and am currently suffering from withdrawal symptoms - United States

Ramon R Jaraba RN - Will never take this med again - been on it for 5 yearss - Riverside, Ca

Lowell Hubbs - I think the greatest disservice GSK did, was to falsely claim only drug addicts and the like, could get hooked on, or for only such people could Paxil become habit forming? So, all these people having signed this petition, are drug addicts? For one, I am not! The first 6 months I took Paxil, it seemed to work well for the stress related anxiety I was prescribed for. The TV commercials bragged it up as good for such a condition, and being non habit forming; LIERS!!! My doctor never informed me of severe withdrawal I may experience, or when I should get off the drug, basically prescribed more sample, by phoning his nurses. After six months, I tried to go off cold turkey; after four days had severe shock waves in my brain, body, and up and down my legs. Zapping was so severe, I could hardly hold my eyes open; to sit still, with your eyes shut was the best. Paxil; non habit forming??? I then went back on 20mg. and proceeded down to 10, 5, and the 0. over 4 months time; each step was hell; with more of the same, no sleep, just nightmares, migraines I never had before. Each step down, after a couple days, I had to return to the previous dosage, and start over back down, because the brainzapping/ body pulsing, and near inability to function and concentrate, were gone; I could not stay at work, without more drug. I was continually late for work; could not wake up; was no exhausted. I nearly lost my job. Now after 4 months I am off Paxil for 20 days; and still from time to time I am getting brain zaps and whooshing sounds in my ears and head; at time it feels like someone pumped my head full of air; my balance and coordination are off- to the point it is hard to work, also. When I read the article on the 3 part article on the pineal gland, on [www. antidepressants facts .com](http://www.antidepressantsfacts.com), it is clear that Paxil causes brain damage, thanks so much, GSK, and being Paxil has such a short half life, about 4 days, it seems; these results of my experience can be looked at as nothing but possible brain damage, my brain is still trying to find ways to compensate for. Now, after 20 days, I am developing severe panic attacks on awaking in the morning, that I had not before. What do I do now; go get myself hooked on more Xanax? I believe all SSRI drugs are dangerous; and Paxil is the worst. What about the violent anger, and frustration this drug produces? This is a treatment that makes people better able to function in life? It is biggest lie ever told; for profit of the already rich, to get richer! GSK, I hope that when all the lawsuits are completed, you no longer exist, to harm anyone else; it can not come soon enough! GSK, feel free to email me at [cornfieldmn@yahoo.com](mailto:cornfieldmn@yahoo.com), and that with any appoligy you have the balls to make! Again I ask you in top management to please take your own poison, for 6 months, and then go off cold turkey; or even wean off slowly, maybe you would have an attitude adjustment!!! Profits will mean nothing, when you get to the end of your life; and you have to answer for the pain you have caused. I hope you are made to experience the agony, times 1000, the people that have signed this petition, have felt! - USA

Sherri Kern - i had the worst withdrawals!!!!!!! - USA

Donna Wagner - I'm addicted to Paxil and cannot get off of it. - United States

Joanne - I have decreased my paxil only by 5mg, and I have not slept in six days. I had to be prescribed sleeping pills to knock me out. I am missing work because as you can imagine it is hard to function without sleep. Are you going to pay for my time away from work? Not likely! - Canada

Terry T. Holland - I am addicted to this heinous drug. - USA

Leigh Simmons - I have had enough of Paxil and will come off of it if it kills me. I am missing work, my blood pressure is dangerously up and I can hardly think or walk due to withdrawal. I need help coming off of this and there is no help. The doctor just wants me to keep taking it - sounds addictive to me. - USA

David Stec - Withdrawl symptoms are horrible - USA

Susan Kirth - I have never been dependent on any drugs, but now Paxil has me in bondage. Can not get off of it. Effects too devastating to day-to-day living. - USA

Mary - I am 19 and have been on Paxil for 4 years now. I want to get off of this, but I can't, the pain is too terrible. Major headaches, vomiting, and more. NOTHING relieves the pain, even extra-strength pain killers don't help at all. The only way to get any relief is to take more Paxil and curl up and lay in bed. - New York, USA

Lori Kerwin - I too suffered an extreme withdrawal period where I thought I was going to die and was not warned of the potential "melt down" that can occur. I was informed afterward by my health care provider that "serotonin syndrome" was the culprit and that indeed the blood pressure raises, temp raises and you become at an increased risk for serious health complications. I did not read any of this on the insert and have been a family practice nurse for 8 years. I think the public has a right to know. - Bentobn

Amy DuBiel - I have been trying to get off this drug for some time. I would like to thank skb for all my night sweats, vomiting, headaches, and a whole lot more. Your so-called take my life back drug has really just ruined my life. Thanks for nothing. - USA

Vicky Nickerson - I just don't understand why I have to take this for the rest of my life. I'm only 33 , i'm to young to be taking medication everyday. - US

Margaret A. Hoyland - My son was placed on it for two weeks, I took him off of it because the mania and mood swings/irrational thinking were worse than ever. He also has loss of concentration, insomnia and sedation. Restlessness and nervousness. Very bad situation with this . Would not recommend any one ever be prescribed this again. - USA

Chanda Grace - i have been on paxil and extremly sick from it for quite some time.I have never abused drugs or achohol and i have had a terrible time trying to get off paxil - USA

Birte Petersen - I took Paxil for a year until it started to interact with another prescription I had to take. The result was frightening and not knowing that Paxil was habit forming, I decided to quit cold turkey. My problem disappeared almost immediately, however after a week the withdrawal symptoms set in. I experienced severe anxiety attacks, insomnia, nausea and I feared for my sanity. Today 7 months after quitting Paxil, I still suffer from anxiety attacks, although to a lessor degree and I agree that Paxil is a very dangerous medication and it should be taken off the market immediately. - Canada

Gerard Lismore - I am quitting Paxil cold turkey after 13 months .I sweat ,cant contentrate ,have tremors , am sick of nausia and am trying to cope wiyh a wife who does not understand. ITS killing me - Canada

MELISSA RIDENOUR - I am having severe problems w/ Paxil - USA

Cheryl G - My confusion and fear has been replaced with anger and bitterness!! I DARE any of the so-called "experts" to use this heinous product and report with a straight face that there are minimal side effects and withdrawl symptoms. Life is living hell right now but the will is strong - we WILL make you listen! - USA

BOB FIDDAMAN - Zaps are a major concern. Why do the makers off this drug fail to acknowledge that they exist? - UK

Aleta Pringle - paxil has ruined my life. - USA

Sheri Sparks - I hate this medication and am desperately trying to get off. - United States of America

Darren K. Green - Severe withdrawal effects - USA

Sherry Stephens - I am suffering from withdrawal beyond belief, and this is with gradual cutting down! - USA

Gina Zdanowicz - I was prescribed Paxil for my reaction to being outside the WTC when the attacks occurred. It did help me get past those fears and control the anxiety but when I stopped taking it I had a bad withdrawal that lasted for 4 weeks. I was not informed of this before hand. - USA

Elaine Kissane - I'm just beginning the withdrawal process, so far it's been really hard. I feel that if I knew how bad it would be to get off Paxil, I never would have begun it! Also, my therapist is under the false impression that the only withdrawal symptom is flu-like symptoms. - USA

Misty D. Gilbert - I fought the adverse affects of Paxil for almost 2 years. I became severely depressed & suicidal near my second year on Paxil. This is a very dangerous drug and needs to be taken off of the market completely. - United States

Kim Nikbin - Please help with facts for withdrawal I cannot miss anymore work and I have to have a hysterectomy May 9. HELP - USA

William T. Watkins - This medication has debilitated the one I love. She has been trying to withdraw from this medication, and it breaks my heart to watch her suffer so badly. Something must be done. - USA

Colleen L. Campbell - I have been experiencing absolutely debilitating withdrawal side-effects from this horrible medication. No one ever told me of this danger, in fact, many healthcare professionals lied right to my face. I have been suffering from withdrawal for over 30 days and have not been able to work. People must know about these dangers. - USA

Erica Grant - I have faced the most horrible side effects in the detoxification and IT SHOULD BE STOPPED!!! - Canada

Donna Itson - I would never have taken Paxil had I known about the awful withdrawal symptoms I am currently experiencing. - USA

Esther Stich - Nobody told me that withdrawal is nearly as worse as the depression itself. - Switzerland

Denise Preston - I have just recently went off Paxil and am now a sufferer of withdrawals. At first I thought I was crazy and imagining it, but as I decided to look up Paxil on the internet, I discovered I should have looked it up before I ever took the medicine. My doctor never explained any symptoms or side effects if I ever went off or decided not to take Paxil. Now I suffer from heart palpitations, excessive sweating

even in sixty degree air conditioning, dizziness, and a sense of my brain having delayed reactions to things. - US

Melinda Johnson - I have experienced severe withdrawal symptoms even though my doctor eased me off of Paxil - USA

Michelle - went through 10 weeks of withdrawal symptoms while weaning from Paxil until I switched to Prozac. Doctor's said that it couldn't be from the Paxil. - USA

Joanne - Withdrawals from Paxil was a living nightmare. Went off only to be told that I need to back on, because I'm going to need it for the rest of my life. This is not life. I fear the fact that I have to someday go through that nightmare again. Don't go on it if you don't have too. Trust me!!! - USA

Marie - I cannot get off paxil, even if i take it later in the day i have crazy mood swing and anxiety. I work in customer service and cannot function. I've attempted suicide twice withdrawing from this drug, trying to get off it. - USA

Kim Hayden - Withdrawal is a living hell! - USA

LuAnn Mac Mahon - I have NEVER been addicted to ANYTHING, including tobacco, alcohol, or any drug. this drug has made my life MORE difficult. I am furious and so sad that this can happen. I never in my life had suicide feelings until taking this hell-created drug. - USA

Linda Nunno - I am currently going through withdrawl symptoms. from 30mg down 5mg. every 2 weeks. It didn't hit until I got down to 1/2 way through. I am at 15mg. and am to drop another 5mg. for 2 weeks tonight. Having a difficult time with crying, feeling angry at nothing, anxiety like I haven't had before. I am coming off since we no longer have health ins. and can not afford it. Also having heard negative things about it, want to go to natural remedy. Was NEVER told this was addictive as far as withdrawl when coming off. I never felt addicted while on it, it does work. BUT the withdrawls are awful and should be told to patients considering going on it, so we can make a decision on our own. Not based on the denial of an MD. I told my current Dr. that I needed to get off Paxil and told him of a time when I hadn't gotten to the pharmacy to pick up the Paxil. I was off it for 2 days and had terrible migraine and stomach problems. I said I felt like I was going through what I assumed were withdrawl symptoms. He told me "we" prefer not to consider them withdrawl symptoms. I told him I never went through a withdrawl of anything but I was sure that is what it was like! Please pray for me as I continue with this program to come off of Paxil, as I now will be praying for all those going through it as well. WE NEEDED TO KNOW!!! - USA

Johanna Kristjansson - What a nightmare. I was not informed of the withdrawal effects at all. - Newfoundland, Canada

Renee Ann Windows - I'm trying to get off this drug right now and am having a very difficult time. Thank you for this web site that shows me I am not alone. - USA

Beth Turner - Now I know what drug addicts go through trying to come clean. - USA

Tracy Donaghy - I have been taking Paxil now for several months for anxiety and panic resulting from some trauma that I experienced some years ago. In addition, I am talking to a counselor for the trauma and have realized that I have a history of trauma. When confronted with that, the Paxil was not alleviating my symptoms. I have to go back to the doctor. The Paxil is very expensive, even covered by the insurance and I decided not to refill my prescription knowing that I have a doctor's appointment coming up today. I did not think that was harmful to not take it for a couple of days because my physician informed me that it was not habit-forming. In the last three days, my body feels like it's tingling all over and I can only stare straight ahead because if I turn my eyes, it feels like my brain is shifting. For a brief, irrational moment I had myself convinced that it was a brain tumor. I plan on informing my doctor about this website. They need to know not to perscribe Paxil anymore! I am scared! - USA

Terry Gardiner - Personal withdrawal experience..severe aggression leading to physical confrontation. Never experienced prior to withdrawing from Paroxetine. Long term (permanent?) confusion. - New Zealand

Chrystal Iverson - I started taking Paxil 2 years ago for Panic Attacks, the attacks did stop, however now I am trying to stop (10mgs a day) and the withdrawl symptoms are HORRIBLE! I have constant headaches,mental confusion, and I get ZINGY electrical shocks in my head all the time. I was never warned about the GOING OFF EFFECTS. I kick my self in the ASS for not doing more research on this DRUG! I would have tried natural herbs to help me (St. Johns Wort) first. When I tried lowering my dose down to 5 mg a day I went through uncontrollable crying episodes, abnormal thinking,nausea, and I felt like I was trapped in a PSYCHOTIC PERSONS MIND! Now I am back taking 10 mgs a day to control the ZINGING sensation and the crying. I just want to feel what it is like to have a general love for life and my surroundings, I want OFF this merry-go-round!!!!!! When I take it all the side effects make me feel weird also. I am so glad I have people to talk to Family, Friends etc... I hope I can recover from this Hellish Nightmare, I just want to be normal again! Paxil makers SHAME ON YOU! Sure you tell us all the side effects while being on it to cover your ASSES, but you dont ever mention the withdrawl

symptoms!!!! I dont think the lab mice could have told you how they felt about the symptoms afterwards! USE IT ON YOUR CO WORKERS OR YOURSELF AND THEN SELL THE SHIT! - USA

Lewie P. - Getting off Paxil, I experianced severe dizziness, for three weeks then disappeared, only to come back again worse; I don't feel this drug helped me, actually made me feel worse, and still do feel worse. In reading these other emails, I see some reference to Paxil raising blood presure to a much higher levels than personally were previously known. My normal blood pressure was about 115 over 70, with a pulse of 60-65; on Paxil it was up to 149 over 98, (borderline to high) and a consistant pulse of nothing less than 82. After being off Paxil, my readings are normal again Now, did GSK investigate these possible affects, before marketing? What, about people with already high blood presure? This drug definately was not researched, except for what the profit levels would be; forget the saftey of the patient! Ban the drug, until proven safe; which it will never be! - S. Africa

Linda P - My husband is suffering from withdrawl. It is pure Hell for him. My heart aches to have the man I love go through this . It has changed our lives. - USA

Joanna - Suffered for 5 years with the "zaps" Went to neurologists, wore halter monitors, went to cardiologists, had countless MRI's, CAT scans, EEG's and EKG's all because of a lack of communication on your part. - USA

Judy Popovitz - while taking paxil my memory was impaired - USA

Charles Rogers - Severe vertigo, dizziness, inability to technically write, which is my profession. - USA

Barbara Schardt - I have had serious physical reactions to stopping Paxil, and was unaware that my symptoms were related to withdrawal until I visited the Paxil website out of desperation for an answer to my symptoms. - USA

Sherry C. Smyth - I had severe withdrawls from paxil, no one told me to expect withdrawls - USA

Benjamin - Paxil RUINED my life and my family - USA

Suzanne Rexford - I am on day 3 of getting off this drug and it is the worst experience I have ever had. This is a hell no one should have to live through. - USA

Timothy Alden - Experienced horrible withdrawal symptoms - United States of America

Fran Pavlovic - Have been unsuccessful in my 3 attempts to get off of Paxil. The zolts in my head ,and the emotional state of mind I experience,becomes too hard to bear. I am trying again,and hope this time to be able to stick it out. - United States

Taci Bammel - I was on it for over six years and it did nothing. It just made me sick. - USA

Leigh Slaven - I've tried a few times to come off of Paxil but could not. I thought it was because of stressers in my life, such as a bad divorce. Now that the divorce is done, I know now that it has been the Paxil withdrawals all along. SKB should be ashamed for not informing doctors, who should inform patients of the withdrawal symptoms. Drug testing needs to me more extensive in the future and longer case studies need to be pursued. - Canada

Sharon Martinez - I think what this company is doing is horrible. I am having so many side effects trying to get off the medication, that I think I'm driving myself and my family crazy. - USA

Kitty - I have been on Paxil for over 3 years now, and It makes me not care about anything. Sometimes I feel like I do not have any emotions. I want to have another baby, and I am worried that this drug will cause a newborn to have withdrawl from the drug. This drug has helped me but in the end has it been worth it. I am tired of taking this drug and want so much to live a normal life! - United States of America

Sherry Chamberlain - I can forget to take my paxil for one day and end up having head rushes which feel like I am on a roller coaster. - United States of America

Sue Robins - at first I believed paxil was a godsend. it then became a nightmare when I tried to get off. I dont know if I will ever be able to be paxil free. I went from 5ft. 4 inches,110lbs. A year and a half ago and now I weigh 160 lbs. my memory is terrible, I am unable to think clearly half of the time, still am depressed, and continue to have to go up on mg when the dose amount stops working. when I tried to go off of paxil I felt as though i was going insane. The doctors tell me to try other drugs, excercise more, or they say "I don't know what else to do with you. I am so glad to know I'm not going crazy. These are real side effects that many of us are having. - USA

Jessica Thiessen - Paxil is a drug that is supposed to help in the fight against a chemical imbalance in the brain. Paxil did more to aid the depression and suicidal tendencies than it did to stop or prevent it. - Canada

Adnan Durrani - I've noticed a decrease in appetite, weight loss, chronic headaches, sleep loss (sometimes I've been up till 5 AM!), occasional body aches, inability to concentrate and remember the slightest things. I have noticed a great increase in aggression towards friends and family. I've quit two jobs since March 2002, one ended in a row with my employer - Canada

Darla McDonald - I too was told that Paxil was safe and non-habit forming. I am on my second day of trying to get off of this drug and wasn't quite sure why I was feeling the way that I do. My sister even suggested seeing a Dr. to have my heart checked. After reading the feedback on this site, I realize that the dizziness, tingling sensations, inability to concentrate, etc. is the result of having taken this medication. I too have gained weight, 20lbs in the past year. I am really nervous about the days that lie ahead and what I will have to face to get off of this medication. I am even experiencing heart palpitations as I sit here typing this. - USA

Clara Ann Broadus - I would never take another antidepressant because of what I went through trying to get off of Paxil - USA

Natasha Risebrow - The withdrawal effects far outweigh its positive qualities - it should not be prescribed lightly - UK

Kim Wittekoek - When trying to quit, I have never felt so sick. - Canada

David Mark - Sweating Hands , Nausea , Head Zaps , Shakes 24/7 , No Sex Drive , Insomnia , Visual Flashes , Loss of Appetite , Intense Headaches , Paranoia , Think i would rather have depression , many thx GSK you have just screwed up my life. - UK

Kyle Nicholas Kronberger - I have noticed that over the last 2 years, I have noticeably become MORE dependent on Paxil. When I stop taking the Paxil, even for just 2 days I will feel ill and have "tingles" in my body. If I take my Paxil while having these effects, these symptoms will gradually fade over a few hours.... This is while, I assume, the Paxil dissolves and enters my body. Thus calming the craving. - United States of America, Wisconsin

C. Denise Zappia - Withdrawal is a nightmare!!!!!!! How can this drug be classified as non habit forming????????? - Dekalb

Andrea L. Brakebill - I have been taking Paxil since 7/99. I began taking due to anxiety attacks that occurred while I was going through significant changes in my life. I had never suffered from this before and have never taken any type of anti-depressant drugs. The horrible withdrawals I am currently going through while trying to "taper" off this "non-addictive" medication is terrible. I have headaches, nausea, feel exhausted and just generally don't feel well. Something has to be done to prevent this drug manufacturer from falsely advertising this medication. Consumers must be made aware that this drug is addictive so that they can make an informed decision as to whether this is a viable treatment for their symptoms. - USA

Christine Stutz - I have suffered debilitating withdrawal symptoms after only five months on 20mg of Paxil. - USA

Amanda Oxendine - I have been on Paxil since I was 16 and I am now 18 and trying to get off of it. I am having terrible withdrawals that I was never informed of. - USA

Joni Rescigno - very difficult/impossible to withdraw due to electric shock sensations in eyes/hand - USA

Carrie Gaudet - This drug is clearly additive and patients should know this before using it. I am having a terrible time coming off this drug. - Canada

Vicki - when I tried lowering my dose of paxil I felt electric like shocks in my head. - US

Toni Kelly - I tapered off very slowly and had 6 months of withdrawal HELL. I shutter at the thought of hearing the name PAXIL and anyone who is on it I strongly urge them to find another way of dealing with their anxiety.... - USA

Barbara Thibodeaux - Withdrawal from you so-called non-addictive drug is debilitating! You should be ashamed. - USA

Mrs. M. Mason - I have taken paxil for 6 yrs. for what started as post-pardom depression. I was told by a public health nurse that it was safe for breastfeeding. I tried to get off them 3 years later, after breastfeeding for 2 years of the 3, and almost ruined my marriage. I was put on a higher dose and told I still needed them. Now, its 3 years later

and another child breastfed 2yrs. Whenever my dose is altered I feel faint, (have fallen once needing medical help ) , weeping for no reason, and so sick its behind description. I am so distraught about what this drug has done to my kids. With the doctors and health nurses not informed how can I be. I dread taking another, but have to to survive. Im only 27.  
- Canada

Nancy Reeder - Wish I had known about the addiction I would not have taken the drug if I knew it was so addictive I have had a tough time tapering therefore I have been on this drug for two full years I would like to get off of it but the side effects that I go thru mean a week of work and who is going to pay for this? - Canada

J. Wiles - Initially put on Paxil for migraines. Told non-addicting. Never thought I would experience the classic symptoms of drug addiction / withdrawal until I tried to discontinue Paxil! Had to be put back on it! Currently trying to wean off; very slow, reduced dosage withdrawal and still experiencing MANY terrible side effects!! Where is the FDA????? - USA

Nick & Bonnie - Had myself and my husband known the truth about Paxil, we would never have taken it. Right now he is on the couch with dizziness, severe nausea and vomiting, to mention a few effects of this awful drug.  
- United States

Robin Palombo - Smithkline Beecham uncooperative in information when directly asked about withdrawal symptoms - USA

Ronald Blaine Fox - Paxil is EVIL -- Someone owes me! Screw these freaking 'zaps'! I just went from 40 mg to 20 mg daily and I cannot seperate reality from fiction, and I can't sleep worth a shit! - USA

Felicia V. Bush - off product 7 days now; suffering increasing intensity in "zaps" and a low grade fever - USA

Holly Ennis - I am going thru total HELL!!!! - US

Tara Brunell - Very Addictive! - USA

Debra Myers - I am nursing mother of one with four other children(5 total). I was assured Paxil was safe to take . I decided to stop taking it after 3 months. Had I known about this website and the importance of screening the side effects elsewhere (not just on some dumb CVS drug description pamphlet) I would not have entered so lightly into taking it. I am depressed, terrible emotional swings, buzzing and dizziness. This

dizziness caused me to fall down the steps while carrying my 20 month old son. By God's grace alone he was not injured but I severely twisted my ankle (I too somehow got lucky). I never connected those dizzy, blank episodes I have been experiencing since I started this drug until I read this database. I wonder how long these side effects last. I have a family to raise...they don't need to see their mother in such an altered state of mind. If this is how I feel what in the world has it done to my little baby girl??!!!!!! These new drugs are too sophisticated for the human mind and body!. I pray it's over soon..I'm tired of snapping at everyone and withdrawing from all. I was never like this before.... - USA

Harriet MacNeil - Paxil destroyed me and I cant get off them - Canada

Bryana Seaver - I think that the only doctors that should be able to perscribe anti-depressants are psychiatrists. Family doctors don't know enough about the reactions, nor care enough about the side effects. They want the quick cure. They want the asembly line to go faster. My doctor was trying to tell me that my withdrawl symptoms were from my depression, not from not taking the paxil.. - US

ANITA BARBATO - unable to wean off Paxil Please Help Me!!!!!! - USA

Lowell Hubbs - I chose this drug this drug, Paxil, because of the promisingly great television commercials I seen. After six months on the drug, I decided I wanted to get off the drug. Four days after that attempt I developed zaps, whoosh sounds in my head, and electrical jolts literally running the length of my body, arms and legs; I went back on the initial 20 mg, and the withdrawal subsided within a couple hours. it took me four months of hellish agony to slowly get off Paxil; each time I reduced the dosage, I had to return to the same dosage I had been on and repeat several more attempts to get droppped, another couple mg. each drop in dosage was meet with more zaps whoosh sensation, worse with body movement. After 10 weeks entirely off the drug, I still have had weird whoosh/zap sensations in my head. It is not withdrawal from the drug; it fries the serotonin receptors in your brain; eventually the brain has to learn to rebalance itself. If this drug gives people their life back, as the comercials say it does; then what is this hell I have gone through? If Paxil is truthfully not habit forming; why are so m any people going through the same thing as I have? the final blow, was losing my job, for being late to work; (couldn't wake up in the morning), or so I was told was the reason. Prior to my ingestion of Paxil, I had never been late to work. this drug need to be taken off the market, and an investigation into the coverup and lies that were told for huge profits! - USA

Deborah E. Mapes - Going off paxil has caused the most horrific year of my life, and I'm not better yet. I believe this drug should be taken off the market, and at the very least, forewarning MUST be given about its potential severe withdrawal effects. - United States

Nadine - I took paxil for 2 yrs. My doctor decided since it wasn't helping me to start tapering off it. It was hell. I had electric zaps in my head every few minutes. It felt like my head was going to explode from it. I also was confused and had no idea where I was. I couldn't sleep. All I did was cry for no apparent reason. - USA

Tara Joyce Brinkley - Very bad experience with tapering off, withdrawal has included awful physical and psychological symptoms. - USA

Rebecca - Withdrawal from this drug is deadly. Should be removed from the market immediately. - US

Jan Bassett - Paxil was the drug from hell for me!!! - USA

Courtney Leigh Josten - Paxil has literally wrecked my life - USA

Dianna Pisano - I'm down to 5 miligrams after a year of weening. I am scared to take the next step! Please inform people on your labels of the withdrawl symptoms! - USA

Barbara Thibodeaux - Withdrawal from you so-called non-addictive drug is debilitating! You should be ashamed. - USA

Brandee Ford - 10 yrs. of UTTER HELL, worse than any illegal drug to quit. - Canada

Barbara Bell - Still withdrawing months later. - USA

Mary C. Wright - It's been horrible. Had I known the effects of stopping Paxil, (or had my doctor informed me) I would never have started it. I stopped because I was on a candida detoxification program. Thought I would feel better without any drug in my systems. I only pray that I won't be like this forever. And I ask forgiveness for the way I've been towards my family. The dizziness, vertigo and unbelievable irritability really had me worried. It is no fun at all...I was beginning to wonder if I was really sick ... - USA

Lindsay Wilson - you have put me through pure Hell - USA

Eric Moyer - I have been experiencing extreme dizziness while trying to be eased off this drug with the help of my doctor. My symptoms have been present now for 5 days. At times I feel like I am going to faint. I can't

ride my motorcycle for fear of having an accident. I also have periodic spells of flushing and sweating which I didn't have before, and I don't sleep more than a few hours at a time without waking up from weird dreams and night sweats. I want to stop taking it because of the negative reports I have discovered recently of which I was not aware when commencing its use. I hope these weird symptoms go away soon because they are impairing my ability to function normally. - USA

Patty Davies - I would never have taken Paxil if I would have been warned about the adverse reactions some experience with it. The last 2 yrs. of my life have been HELL because of this drug! It truly IS evil!! - U.S.A.

Cynthia Testerman - Doctor never told me of the awful side effects when trying to quit. I thought I was going to die from "the zaps"! Nasty stuff! They should ban this from the market!! - U.S.

Katherine - Been off 13 months and still have symptoms - UNITED STATES

Nancy Aguilar - i get electrical waves when tring to get off it. - USA

Christopher Bryce - Having lost my job and medical benefits, I have been unable to afford to continue taking Paxil, which I have taken for at least a year. I am currently experiencing withdrawal from the drug that is identical to the descriptions listed on websites about Paxil including information and warnings about withdrawal. Although I tapered off use as best as I could with the amounts of Paxil I had remaining, and bought at full price, I can no longer afford to continue its use. I have been in withdrawal for about two weeks now, and it has brought my life to a standstill. I cannot work, look for work, or even accomplish useful tasks around the house and yard without increased symptoms. I spend much of my time in bed, and this withdrawal has been very damaging to my marriage. I am miserable and hope that this ends soon. My quality of life is very low, and I continually am plagued with thoughts of suicide. My quality of life is about a 1 on a scale of 1-10. - USA

Jeanne Davies - Withdrawl Symptoms are horrible!!! - USA

Kimberly Wessinger - Withdrawl from Paxil is excruciating!!! - USA

Dianne Wyeth - I have been taking Paxil for 10 years. I once credited this medication with "saving my life". But now that I want to go off of it, I can't. I HAVE to, but I cannot handle the withdrawl...this medication has destroyed my libido, has rendered me unable to visualize or fantasize, the whole creative aspect of my being is absent. My brain simply does not work in the good ways it used to...I feel ROBBED of some of the best and most unique aspects of myself, and live in constant fear

of losing my husband because I cannot be his wife in every sense of the word. Staying on it/going off of it...BOTH HELL. - USA

Mary C. Foos - I have been trying to get off Paxil, but the withdrawls are unbearable at times. - USA

Carla Cota - This Medication is making me insane, from all the side affects. I am trying to come off them and it is HELLLLLL!!!!!! - Canada

Sandra Youngblood - Paxil has made my life a living hell, I can't get my old self back after stopping this drug 6 months ago. NO ONE should go thru this. - US

Alison Palser - How do I come off this horrid drug. I am trying to drop the dose slowly but suffer dizziness, nausea etc every time I do. - England

T. Semeniuk - After taking this drug for many years and suffering through withdrawal, can you prove, scientifically, that I will not suffer any permanent damage? No... Shame on you. - Canada

Brian Lawlan - I agree with this entirely, the side effects are hell and the drug itself has many side effects when taking it. - England

Ani Desilets - My heart goes out to all of us. This is my third time signing the petition but really it is because I have so many comments. I tried to get off Paxil once unsuccessfully. The second time is now. I cannot work because I have many irrational thoughts, depression, trouble eating, and super anxiety. I went from 40 for four days 30 for 4 days 20 for four days 10 for four days and 10 on the alternate day and stopped. The first week was physical hell. I had crying spells unprovoked several times a day alone and in company. It was utterly degrading. I had dizzy spells and electrical zaps for about a week. What helped me get off Paxil was Lorazepam and Trazadone. I couldn't have done it without those drugs. Lorazepam is an anti-anxiety drug which you take when you are feeling anxious, Trazadone is an older anti-depressant which helped me sleep. The only bad thing is that Lorazepam is addicting. I have started Prozac so I don't know whether my psychological and mental problems are due to Paxil withdrawal or side effects of Prozac or both. I am in a really bad spot right now. I do not want to wake up in the mornings most of the time and I count the hours till bedtime. I am too anxious to eat and am terrified to be alone for extended periods of time. Even my house makes me anxious. After two weeks off Paxil and omn Prozac I begged my shrink to put me back on it but he wouldn't I hate him for it cause I must suffer but I am glad in a way too. I wish I had a support group or people who are experiencing similar effects or feelings. On a more positive note people keep telling me it will get better so I am relaying the message. It

doesn't seem so now to me either but we must believe that it will get better. If anyone would like to contact me my email is AniADesilets22@aol.com. Please take care of yourselves. - USA

A. Stapleton - When this drug was prescribed to me for anxiety attacks I was told that it wasn't addictive to someone who wasn't currently doing drugs. I have NEVER in my life taken any type hard core (street drugs), but weaning off of PAXIL for the past 5 weeks (and now for 1 week without any) is the most horrible experience I've ever had in my life. If this drug is not addictive (words of the doctor who read in the medicine journal) then why is my body crying out for it in the form of dizziness, electrical zaps to my brain, severe crying spells, vertigo, nausea, coordination problems, concentration reduced, PROFUSE sweating, irritability, extreme fatigue, flu symptoms, abdominal discomfort, balance problems, lethargy, confusion, weakness, sensation of bugs crawling under my skin.. Trying to maintain my job is VERY difficult when it takes me twice or three times as long to do any routine jobs. Also, I want so much to do things like before, such as my routine housework, yard and garden work, which I enjoy doing. - USA

Duane F. Valiante - In between 5-6 years on It Paxil that is and 2 years trying to get off of and still trying to get off has ruined my whole life. I HOPE YOU PEOPLE KNOW JUST WHAT YOU HAVE DONE TO ME and so, so, many other's that you should be put in jail for the rest of your live's. I hope you get what's coming to you SKB I am going crazy with this DRUG CALLED PAXIL. - U.S.A.

Renata Lindsey - The withdrawal effects can be severe and dangerous and this should not be hidden from patients. I'm currently attempting to come off paroxetine myself and I feel like a junkie. As for the claims of depression returning being the cause I am not even depressed. - England

Zac - I've been taking paxil for a year and I had to go off it for a short time because my insurance company forced me to mail order and it took 2 weeks for my shipment to arrive. The worst 2 weeks of my life. - USA

Bonnie Mosemak - The withdrawal symptoms are a living hell - USA

Helen Wright - If I'd known how much I'd suffer trying to get off these tablets I never would have taken them - England

Gina Carey - I have tried unsuccessfully several times to get off this drug and have not succeeded. Currently, I am on 10 mg. and when I cut down to 5 mg. I start having terrible withdrawal Smtptoms. - USA

Amber D. Sipes - This is screwing my life up, the withdrawals are horrendous! - USA

Jeff La Fleur - Paxil changed my life, and I am grateful for that, but hate that I can't stop taking it because I get so sick. Dizzy for DAYS, I have never made it past 3 days of hell before just giving up and taking it again. - United States

Di Pascal - Paxil has effectively 'killed' me; I no longer have real emotions and know I am missing so much of the richness life gives us. I have behaved totally out of character at times which is very frightening. A close family member managed to quit heroin but cannot quit Paxil..what chance do we have? - UK

H. Phillips - Experience debilitating withdrawal symptoms - USA

Loretta Burns - have tried to wein off paxil but could not do it so i am still on 30 mg. - Baltimore ,Md.

Jeffrey Boyington - I hate what this drug is doing to me! - Canada

Misti Castille - I can not believe what Paxil has done to me. I have been on Paxil since 2/02 and I am having electical jolts to the brain, dizzinous, nausea and most of the symptom. I feel liked a caged animal. I am mad at the world it seems. - United States

Ellen Willis-Conger - I have never been addicted to anything. Going off of Paxil has been (so far) two weeks full of physical and emotional pain. - US

Barry Chesterson - taken seroxat(paxil) for approx 6 yrs for mild depression. Attempted 3 times to come off seroxat without success due to side effects of withdrawal including dizziness, sweating, 'fidgeting', feelings like brain 'on another planet' - England

Jeff A Reynolds - I have fallen ill for months after slowing withdrawing your damn drug. - USA

Jay Midkiff - my withdrawal was full of shocks...literally! it almost felt as if i wasn't alive, a sort of false reality? - United Kingdom

Susan Craig - paxil has never helped my anxiety or depression. I have tried to taper off my 60mg dosage per day but have not been able to. I am going into the hospital in a week for detox - U.S.

Steve Eik - You bastards, you fucking bastards. I've been taking paxil for 5 years and it has RUINED what is supposed to be the BEST YEARS OF MY LIFE. You deserve to pay me and all the other people you've hurt, I am currently trying to wean myself off slowly, after being admitted to the hospital 3x because of paxil withdrawal, and countless other times because of just TAKING PAXIL. I have found OVER 40 SIDE EFFECTS OF YOUR DRUG. That's more than ALL THE ILLEGAL DRUGS PUT TOGETHER. - USA

Richard M - Five months after quitting I am still noticing 'scraping noise' indescribable auditory sensations whenever I move my closed eyes laying in bed before waking in the morning, and crazy, vivid dreams. This med is DANGEROUS. I can only urge anyone who has never taken it before to resist the temptation. Please believe me, it isn't worth it. I wish I could put the clocks back a year. - England

Brian Turner - Horrible Withdrawal Symptoms - USA

Kathleen - am attempting my second "weaning off" paxil - USA

Wendy James - I lost my husband, my job, due to Paxil.. there isn't enough room to go into the horrid details.. I am currently down to 20 mg from 40mg and can hardly function due to the terrible withdrawal s/s... - USA

Jennifer Jameson - I am not a drug abuser and have never taken drugs. I have tried to stop taking Paxil and had horrible withdrawals. - USA

Jillmarie Giardina - I am, as we speak, experiencing a horrific "zap"; Wide awake at 12:00am, in too much pain to sleep. I was never warned of these withdrawal symptoms, and would like to save others from this horrible experience. - US

Teresa L. Kelley - Terrible body tremors; the "zaps" - U.S.A.

Jennie Bridgman - I am currently dealing with withdrawal from Paxil, I have never felt so ill or been so out of it in all my life, nausea, dizziness to the point of falling, I jump at the smallest noise and feel like I am losing my hearing, this is only day three, I feel like I would rather be dead, I have only been on Paxil for 4 months. This is serious stuff. - Canada

Michelle Lokker - 5 years plus; can't quit because of debilitating withdrawal symptoms - United States

Sandra Davis - I cannot quit taking paxil, I have tried and become very ill - Highland, Ohio

Elizabeth Hughes - This is the worst medicine I have ever taken and had I know the side effects for coming off the drug I would never have taken it to begin with! There is nothing like trying to fight fire and drive a fire truck while being responsible for an entire crew and be so dizzy and sick to your stomach that you can hardly function. I hope every one of the CEO's and sales reps for their billion dollar company at SKB get to experience the side effects of their WONDER DRUG!. - USA

C. H. - After seeing a television commercial that boasted that this drug has no potential adverse side effects, I decided that I must lend my voice to this process. I have been struggling for months, with my physician's assistance, to rid myself of this drug. At one point, the withdrawal symptoms were so overpowering that I felt it necessary to continue the drug (at full dose) in order to maintain my mental, as well as physical, health. I want to thank you for what you are doing. The public must be educated about the dangers associated with this drug. - USA

Shaun Seaholm - Miserable withdrawal - U.S.A

Julie Davis - Thank you for this drug. I am still on it, and find it very helpful....BUT....I would have liked to know before hand what kind of difficulty I would have when trying to reduce my dose. I've gone from 20 to 10 and have had to go back up to 20, 3 times so far, because the dizziness and the nightmares (and the lack of sleep due to them) keep me from functioning in the business world. Strangers are much less forgiving of medical ticks than loved ones. - USA

Stephanie Ahern - I am having a awful time trying to get off this medication. Am extremely upset about it. This has disturbed me greatly because, prior to starting the treatment, I was ASSURED by my medical practitioner that there would be no side affects and I would have no trouble. I explicitly told them I was afraid of any addiction. Now I am living with this nightmare of trying to get off the paxil. (Including I might add trying to get some information from them as to how to get off a little more GENTLY). - USA

Shelley L. Smull - I have suffered severe withdrawal symptoms requiring ER visits and now I'm back on Paxil because I cannot put my life on hold while I go through the 1-3 months of withdrawal. I don't want anyone more people to have to suffer! - USA

Morgan Cook - Im 12 my mom has took paxil for 4 years. If she would ever forget to take a pill she would either be crying or angry and yelling at me and my 3 brothers for no reason at all. She is now trying to stop taking paxil and shes gotten dizzy while driving in the car, and been crying, and mad and yelling i hate you guys who made paxil i would love to sue you!!! I saw on one of your stupid commercials that it says, "non habit forming" ya right. I hate you people who made paxil. - USA

Nicki Cook - Your commercials say "non habit forming". BULLSHIT!!! My life, the life of my husband and my children has been ruined as I try to slowly taper off this drug. The mood swings and psychotic behavior are hell on my family. Warnings would have been helpful to say the least. - United States of America

Ashley C. - I am currently on Paxil and I have experienced the withdrawl, it's hell, and I feel like I am addicted to it to just feel normal. - Wisconsin/USA

Keri Hoffman - paxil makers claim it's non-addictive....total lie that has made me dependant on this drug with severe withdrawals - USA

Stephanie Phillips - I am still trying to get off this drug. I don't drink and I recently quit smoking but I've tried 3 times to go off paxil with horrid side effects. - USA

Helen Harris - Do money mean more to you than a person life. All the time I visited the doctor it was Paxil all alone and I didn't find out about this information until last year. Paxil will also cause the same symptoms if you take it long enough. I have had all the symptoms since 1996. It was the Paxil that caused me to have to take it again because of all my dizziness. I have been bedridden over a year because of the drug PAXIL. I have spent thousands of dollars going in and out of medical facility trying to get release from pain. I have spent many sleepness weeks because of the chronic pain that the dope "PAXIL" held me hostage in. I have not been able to write because all the feeling would leave out of my hand. I had to research to find out why I was having so many symptoms. Why I hurted so much for so long. What this dope did to me took my life for six-years. I wouldn't want anyone to go through the long drawn out suffering I been through. You knew what this dope would do and you stood back and said nothing because the only thing you could see was green-back. Youy didn't care about anybody been hurt with this dangerous weapon. All the money in the world can't help the crying pain I went through. Unable to work or get a job because Paxil held me tied up. I had to get my self off the mess without the doctor consent. I had to find a way for myself to become free of been a hostage to "PAXIL." PAXIL KILLS. I spent many days walking like a drunk person and stangering. - MEMPHIS TENNESSEE

Kimberly Sands - I have been on paxil for almost 5 years, and have been unable to stop taking it due to the terrible side effects. - United States of America

Kristin Moore - This has been the worst experience of my life! - USA

Sandra Wisley - Severe withdrawal symptoms after missing just one dose!!!  
- USA

Jose M. Soto - Having "zaps" constantly. The withdrawal is horrible. - USA

Valerie L. Zick - I have recently attempted to taper off Paxil after being at an all time high dosage of 60 mg per day. While I experienced little problem with the first 10 mg, when I tapered down an additional 5 mg, I experienced extreme nausea, dizziness and stomach cramps for several days. Finally, last night I added 10 mg and they symptoms were gone withing about 18 hours. Am I to remain on this drug for the rest of my life. It would seem my only alternative is to suffer for months or years of side effects in getting off Paxil - King

E. Rae Felter - I'm terrified to stop taking Paxil, as the effects I've experienced were along the lines of withdrawl from Heroin as I've read, as well as the psychological effects I experienced. - USA

Laurie Lepage - I am unable to get off Paxil because of the physical withdrawl symptoms i receive - Canada

Claudia Smith - I am currently going through withdrawl from Paxil. I can not remember any time in my life when I have felt so ill. I am dizzy,nausious, etc. Though these symptonms are horrific, the worst part about this was my complete ignorance. I had never been told about what seems to be common knowledge for post Paxil users. I would like to continue with my comments concerning the horrible with drawl I am going through but, I am psyically incapable at this time due to the extreme dizziness I am currently experieincing! - United States of America

Robin Kolnicki - Paxil taken for depression caused following symptoms: electrical flashes in brain, shakiness, inability to eat, inability to tolerate scent of food, dilated pupils, numb gums, anxiety attack where I thought I was dying. Paxil withdrawal included: anger and intolerance towards others, rage, violent outburst, and eventually total social withdrawal. Withdrawal symptoms improved with Amino acids / vitamin Bs / omega fatty acid supplimentation and liver detoxification herbs.. - USA

Catherine Brown - Tougher getting off Paxil than getting thru depression itself. - Canada

Lisa M, Scott - i have been on paxil for about a year, i called my doctor and asked him if it was ok to drop my dose by half, he said it was ok, i was on 40 mils a day, i dropped to 20 and the side affects were horrid, i have nightmares, headaches, throwing up, a wooshing feeling in my brain, blurred vision, it was just horrid, i went to the ER and the doc told me i was in withdrawl and told me to start taking the 40 mils again, i want to get off this, i have never in my life felt this bad, i was soo sick,, it's not right, they never told me that this would happen to me if i stopped taking it, i want answers, i need answers, i am scared now to go off this drug, can someone help me? - USA

Jennifer Anne Stewart - SKB should take full responsibility, I have never suffered anything so horrible in my whole life. - USA

Joelle Lamphere - currently enduring the hell of Paxil withdrawl - USA

JoAnn Fuller-Becker - I had severe / suicidal withdrawal symptoms!! - USA

Suzanne Palanuk - My most extreme withdrawl side effect is "electric shocks" to my brain and terrible vertigo.I have reported it to the manufacturer. - USA

Stacy Bycroft - I have been trying to get off this stuff, its impossible. I should have been told that it is addictive. The commercials where they claim that it isnt addictive should be changed to let people know that it can be. - USA

Mrs.Paula Schell - I to like the others have quit Paxil with the belief they were non-addictive with no side effects.WRONG. I was never so sick in my life. The doctors want to put me back on but I don't wanna. Especially after all the research I have done and found that the so called non habit forming PAXil was very much quite the opposite. - USA

Christine Herrera - Horrible withdrawls...anxiety, extreme panic attacks, crying spells, afraid of being alone, uneasy even being in my own home, can't sleep at all...I am a mess because of Paxil. - Pima County, AZ

Kathleen H. Matz - Paxil gave me relief from depression and enabled me to develop emotional skills to deal with my life, but now that I am ready to live without it, I find I cannot. I am scared of the possibility of being

on this drug for years to come. Someone needs to be accountable for warning folks BEFORE they start this drug!!! - USA

Theila Tobey - I have had seizures and cannot seem to kick this drug, despite having no depressive symptoms. Everytime I try to kick paxil, I come down with lisps, audio hallucinations, severe vertigo and other neurological related problems. I don't need paxil for depression anymore; in fact when I'm on it it causes depression and hyperactivity in me. Paxil has hurt me in the end, and I now do not know if I will ever be able to enjoy regular activities that people take for granted, like misjudging the distance around a corner and not walking into it. I am a 32 year old mother of two little boys, and it does not enrich them to have a mother who is disabled by this drug. I SHOULD HAVE BEEN WARNED!!!!!! - Contra Costa

Mary Stroble - Been off Paxil for 2 days now, have severe dizziness and swooshing sounds in head, headaches, trouble sleeping. If I had known about the withdrawal symptoms before starting Paxil I would of chose another way to deal with depression. I am house bound without a life until I can get off the Paxil for good. Shame on you people taking advantage of already depressed and anxiety ridden patients. May God help me with withdrawals and you with the guilt. - United States

Nancy Armstrong - I have been on Paxil for about 6 years and this "withdrawal thing" has been a nightmare! I hope your company sinks! - United States

Erika Hoffmann - it has taken over 1 1/2 years to get off paxil. horribble. extreme pain and sensations intolerable. this was with cutting .5 a month. now going off 20mg to 10m it is happening again. it is a living nightmare. the popping in my head. an electrical jolt that pulsates through the back of my head to my entire body every 15-20 sec. followed is blurred disoriented vision, everything around me vibrating, and extreme dizziness that impairs even my walking. i am very hot. tingling hot sensations over my body. i have been afraid of getting off the rest for 6mo. now. but, i have to do it. i am getting onto zoloft to replace. i have seriously had extreme fear of doing this. and, as of this morning...the process is beginning again. - United States

Cathy Nielson - Your deliberate with holding of information regarding the withdrawal of this drug is despicable. I get so sick when I try to come off that I cannot function. Just ask my 3 year old while he's trying to make Mommy feel better... - USA

Katie Black - I would love to quit taking Paxil, but I don't dare because I fear the withdrawl. I've tried, but I always end up going back just to make the withdrawl stop. - USA

Frankie L. Fronk - The side effects are real, I take Paxil, and I know! - U.S.A.

Karen Soule - I have tried to come off paxil several times to no avail. - USA

Lisa Hicks - I stopped taking paxil after being on for over 2 years. The withdrawal symptoms were horrible. My head sounded like it had pulses of electricity shooting through it and i was extremely dizzy. I don't even think there's enough space to write how it altered my thought process and turned me into a totally different person. I lost 2 years of my life!  
- USA

Debbie Hafner - Not addictive.....What a lie! - United States

Mary Ann Thomas - It's a nightmare dealing with the withdrawals, Dr. didn't mention this - USA

Nadene Brown - I am so glad I found this web site. I have been on PAXIL since 1992! It was given to me for Fibromyalgia. I am on 30MG. This is a drug from HELL....Even if I am a few hours late or have to take pill the next morning I STILL get those damn electrical impulses across my shoulders neck and head! I can do without the DREAMS I cannot wake up from. I know I am dreaming ! I was very distressed to see PAXIL advertised on TV. Our symptoms seem like could be a Science Fiction Novel...except it would be TRUE. Please do not go off the drug cold turkey. Do not go down by 5 or 10 mg..it's too much too soon. We need to try a smaller dose pill and get a pill cutter. I will call my friend tomorrow with this info because she is thin and sick from this drug. My heart goes out to all of you. We have to get this commercial and all other drug commercials off TV. They go on and on about the side effects...we tune them out now. They may even be saying we will grow another body part. Keep good thoughts and talk to someone, - USA

Harriet MacNeil - This drug has caused me to be in the hospital so many times!Today I went to my GP for my results of bloodwork,and it showed I was having a problem with so many things to do with paxil.Aalso a liver functio test turned out good and the second one done was bad.I feel like this drug is attacking all my organs.I never slept for 3 days and never eat.I hadd to take the PAXIL KILLING DRUG at 12:30am and again I was up all night.The Doctor said it was due to paxil.He said that I have to get off it with his help.He didnt know the adverse effects until he seen what it was doing to me.So much weight lost on this drug,so many problems burning spots,severe headachhes and now he thinks its done something to my brain as I am not me anymore.So many more symptoms but I signed this a few times already.Now I have to go for aa Duplex Carotid Doppler scan to see why my skull is swelling and I feel out of control to the point I

couldnt even walk on it.Aa bit better tonight as I am now taking another drug to help the symptoms. - Canada

Peggy Madden - I am having problems getting off this medicine! - USA

Donna Fuerman - I have tried to quit Paxil, I can't get off, I am so frustrated and angry. My doctor(s) never advised me on the addictive possibility and agony of withdrawal. - USA

Dinah Evans - I have been on paxil for almost a year and I've attempted oming off of it because I want to get pregnant. Little did I, or any of the doctors, know what horrible side effets there are. I can't wait untl I can stop giving this company money for a drug that makes me ill just by thinking of what I'm going through. - USA

Cindy Miller - Paxil has caused me to have an electrical shortage sensation in my head from time to time, it has caused me to gain a considerable amount of weight, and when you try to wean yourself off Paxil, it will cause fits of rage. - United States of America

Rebecca Miller - I've been taking liquid Paxil so that I can wean off of it a milligram at a time and I'm still having problems with detox symptoms....This stuff is toxic!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! If I wanted to suffer like this, I'd have taken up shooting heroin and then tried to go off of THAT. Hello, Smithkline Beecham????!!!!!!???????? Take Paxil off the market!!!!!!!!!! - USA

Jason Lynch - In many instances in life, to speak out is only a waste of time; however, in this case I would gladly give up a few moments in order that someone in the future would not be condemned to my present experience. Upone my perscription and according to severly misleading commercials I have expercied a miriad of withdrawals from this drug, perhaps it would be better discribed as a narcotic. It is my intention now to inform as many people as possible of the adverse effects of Paxil. - U.S.A.

Tracy D. Hunter - The withdrawal symptoms of Paxil are horrendous. I can live my life like I used to. - United States

Michele D Hedges - I am addicted to Paxil, I cannot come off the drug due to the severe side effects. - USA

Steven P Anderson - Wish I'd have been informed of the horrible effects of withdrawal - I'm trying to "wean" myself off this drug right now... AWFUL! - USA

Karen H. Phillips my MD never mentioned the "electric jolts" i have when trying to taper or miss a pill - United States

Margaret Ann Ordonio - I tried to get off Paxil and it was hell. Am back on it as there was nothing that would replace it. I would cry all the time. - USA

Suzanne Goff - i'm down from 40mg to 15mg, tried 10 and went nuts so i'm back on 15 and stabalized but will decrease 1 mg at a time to get off this crap - USA

Clorinda Ramirez - I had a terrible time getting off the medication PAXIL - US

Laurie Crawford - When I tried to stop taking Paxil two years ago, I went through hell with withdrawl symptoms. I told anyone and everyone who would listen and was told, by medical professionals, there were no withdrawl symptoms and it was just my anxiety returning. You should be ashamed of your deceptions. - USA

Lisa - Can't stop it I get so dizzy if I do Dont want to take it anymore - USA

Clare Goulding - having trouble comming off tabs. serious withdrawal symptoms which make me dependant on the tabs. - UK

M. Lauren Wenneman - I had the worst electrial charges in my head, no matter what I did, which sudden noise and bright light made even worse. I've never been addicted to anything before in my life, and was horrified and angry when I had these side effects. - USA

Linda Dekle Davis - This is a horrible drug. I was told both by my doctor and therapist that it was not addictive. I had trouble adjusting to it to start with, but when I called they told me just to stick with it a few more days and my body would adjust to it. I ran out once and began to experience horrible symptoms.....insomnia, anxiety, major irritability, felt suicidal etc., and was told it could not be the Paxil, and to get back on it. I ran out again and after a few days, the same thing. And I have to say, at first I didn't know what was wrong. It was very scary. Now I have tried to wean myself off of it, and it is just unbearable.....this is hell. - USA

Robyn Huitz - Paxil is the worst drug ever. The withdrawls from paxil are worse then one could have ever imagined. I have hot flashes, dizziness, nauseousness, and horrible nightmares. PAXIL IS ADDICTIVE!!! EVERYONE NEEDS TO KNOW THIS INFORMATION BEFORE THEY TRY THIS DRUG!!! - USA

Cosette Faulkner - I can't get off Paxil due to horrible withdrawal symptoms. I know because I tried!!!!!! - U S A

Carol A. Davison - Paxil withdrawl is pure TORTURE - USA

Thomas R. Davis - Very bad withdrawal experience - USA

Helen Walker - I have suffered horrible withdrawal from Paxil. I am 40 years old and have never felt so sick in my entire life. - USA

Jacalyn F. Smith - I have had major difficulties trying to get off this medication. It's impossible. And its terrible- the withdrawl is horrific.! - USA

Pamela Harrelson - I have been using Paxil for almost 2 years. When I don't take it daily I am irritable, tired and feel "shock" waves in my head. I am also very jittery and shaky. - United States of America

Christina Johnson - I was on paxil for 1 1/2 yr. I tryed going off of it 3 times. Every time I'd try, it was like someone hit me in the head. And i got really gittery, felt like I was going to faint. My head felt like a million pounds. I also had flu like symptoms. So I would keep taking them. Finally my husband couldnt take the emotional rollercoaster ride with me. So he helped me. And it took me 3 .5 months to get off of PAXIL. It was like coming off of some hard core drug. It was awfull. - United States

Jennifer Davis - I myself have experienced severe withdrawal symptoms after being prescribed Paxil. Until this date, I have not been able to stop using the drug. - U.S.A.

Craig Anshutz - still trying to come off the drug - USA

Jeffrey L. Cowgill Jr. - I take paxil every day and when I stopped taking it I suffered withdrawl symptoms. - United States

Kimberly A. Jones - I have personally felt the effects of this "non-habit forming" drug....I'd rather have an anxiety problem than go through the

hell that it was to get off of Paxil. Not an easy task...I felt like I was a drug-addict or something, with no control over my emotions or my body. - USA

Bob Wallwork - This drug is worse than the illness. I have been on it for over 4 years and it has cost me the loss of a well paid job. I have been suicidal for the last year after a six month break without the drug when i was depressed but not suicidal. How do you come of it? - Britain

Helen - I was told SSRI's aren't addictive. This is an awful untruth. Withdrawl symptoms are turning me into someone I don't even know. Aside from the brain shocks and uncontrollable crying, I find myself making arrangements for my own funeral. The pharmaceutical company should take full responsibility for omiting information that is vital. I am sooo angry! They should pay for all the suffering they have caused. - Canada

Alisa - I have been Paxil for two yrs and I have tried to get off but I just cant - USA

Katherine Turner-Saturley - This drug ruined my life for the 2 years I was on it. I felt as though reality wasn't reality and had several bad experiences while on the drug. After experiencing withdrawl symptoms from hell, I finally weaned myself off of this terrible drug. But the road was a long and painful one to say the least. Get this drug off the market now so other people don't have to go through what I, and others have been through! - USA

Lisa Bowers - NO JOKE!! Highly Addictive. Been on 20 mg for 2 1/2 months and worked well with some sweats only. When I stopped for 4 days I suffered withdrawls, so sick to the point of complete incapacitation in 4 days. Now I am back on and in 2 hours after taking 20mg I felt somewhat better and could get out of bed. I'm returning to the 20mg dose and I plan to wean off slowly. I still can't think straight. To go off quickly is truly scary. I will call my Doc and make him aware of this addiction and my plan to now wean off over the next few months. NO kidding see the withdrawl symptoms on this petition, don't think it can't happen to you. - USA

Lori Smythe-Frost - Awful Paxil, the "wonder drug" -- I wonder why it is on the market as a drug! My husband was prescribed Paxil in early February 2002, right \*after\* the FDA declared its "non-habitforming" ads to be fraudulent, and now he is dizzy, falls down all the time from ataxia, loss of balance. He cannot work, and his speech is slurred. He planned suicide by wanting to be totally sedated, since he could not function and was nearly comatose over 16 to 20 hours every day. He only can wake up for an hour, and then falls back into deep sedation. And all this on \*only\* a "mild" or supposedly "low" dosage of 20 mg per day!!! Paxil was supposed to \*help\* but it has robbed us of 6 months on it so

far, plus probably another 6 months to get \*off\* of Paxil. That is, if it has not \*permanently\* altered his brain chemistry! How DANGEROUS! We'll not know if it blitzed his brain cells, until it is waaaaay too late! Horrible, not worth the risks and damage! - USA

Lee Frost - How bizarre! I was prescribed Paxil in early February 2002, right \*after\* the FDA declared its "non-habitforming" ads to be fraudulent, but \*before\* SKB's belated admission could be published in Physician's Desk Reference! What a shameful way to abuse the health of millions of people! I have experienced total sedation, passing out \*(not real "sleep") for 18 or more hours a day, and had several bouts of first time suicide plans in my life! The short half-life makes the body's levels fluctuate daily if you miss a pill or take it very late in the day! All are pure HELL! Now I cannot get \*off\* the Paxil due to severe withdrawal symptoms! My doctor never knew the problems when prescribing this and he looks it up but did not find terrible withdrawal and suicidal symptoms because of Smith Kline Beecham's duplicitious hiding the TRUTH! - USA

Wendy Fortenberry - tried once to get off of paxil,wont try it again! it was really scary - US

Matthew Glidden - This withdrawl from the drug is the most horrifing experience. How can a drug that is supposed to change your life around totally destroy you when you try to get off of it. I'm only 26 and this "helpful drug" is destroying me!! TAKE IT OFF THE MARKET!!!!!! - USA

Patricia Dignam Donaldson - I suffered severe shock-like tremors when I went off Paxil. SKB should forewarn consumers to taper off slowly and that they will get sick if they forget to take their meds. - USA

Teresa Espiritu - I have been on Paxil for 5 years and have tried several times to try to get off with no success. I have terrible withdrawals and eventually just break down crying and feel like I'm losing my mind and start taking my regular dosage again. This happened last night. I had tapered from 20mg to 10mg to 5mg. I was so proud of myself and all of a sudden I broke down. I am beginning to face that I may not ever be able to get off of Paxil unless I go into detox. It is not fair that we have to deal with this. I was never told and now I cannot function without the pill! - USA

Regina - cannot get off Paxil-severe dizziness and brain zaps- my husband is addicted too. Have tried several times to quit but makes me unable to function. - USA-Colorado

Mark Bordelon - I'm addicted - USA

Bruce Hoffman - Zaps, swishes, and shocks - USA

Louise Dechesser - I thought I was going crazy trying to wean off of Paxil ....the side effects are causing many problems in my life the least of which is that I feel like CRAP - USA

Melissa Miller - I have never had a problem with any form of addiction therefore "withdrawal" is new to me. This has been the worst experience of my life!!!!!!! - United States

Joanna Bailey - I was prescribed paxil in 94 or 95. If I missed a pill it was awful. I experienced mood swings, dizziness, and felt as though I would fall if got and around It was worse than having the flu with out being on paxil. I wont go into what it is like have the flu while on paxil! When I got off of this medication it was awful. I experienced irritability, huge mood swings, loss of sleep and felt very anti - social. I think that SKB is very wrong to market this medication the way they have. Non-addictive my foot! - USA

Krystin Beck - I can't get off it. I even have meds that are supposed to ease the withdrawl. I'm up almost all night, have no motivation and am very angry. - USA

Chelsea Killin - Before paxil I thought I hated me and my life, but now withdrawls are driving me to hate myself and driving me lose my mind 1000x worse then before paxil. I'm only 18 years old and I should have a life full of fun, not going crazy with awful feelings from this drug! - USA

Philip Neal - My girlfriend has attempted to stop taking Seroxat on several occasions and has had severe side effects. Everything from blinding headaches, nausea, panic attacks, blurred vision. I have been shocked at the reaction her body has when it is deprived of a supposedly safe drug prescribed by her GP. - UK

Faye Cawthra - I am still desperately struggling to discontinue use of this drug and am dreading to discover other adverse long term effects. - England

Jennifer Rinehart - I am having a terrible time stopping paxil! The withdrawls are the worst! PLEASE STOP! - USA

Lynn Chabot-Long - My husband used Paxil for approx. a year under doctors orders after cancer surgery and is having a devil of a time after getting

off of it. My niece is also having problems after getting off of it. They are both suffering severe emotional swings which was not the case before the use of Paxil. Sometimes, I don't even know who my husband is. This has gone on for months now. He is very depressed, because he can't seem to enjoy life any more. The cancer was cured with the surgery, so it's not the problem. - USA

Camille Marder, Ph.D. - I have taken Paxil on and off for about 6 years now. Each time I got off it previously, I had the electric-shock-like symptoms for about a month. They were extremely unpleasant. For the last year or so, I had the "zaps" even when I was on Paxil. Not only that, I felt somewhat fluish every afternoon. I also felt that the drug was no longer as effective as it was previously, so my doctor and I decided that I would discontinue it. Despite the fact that I tapered off, I am experiencing lots of unpleasant "zaps," very strange dreams, night sweats, and hot flashes during the day. My sister is taking Paxil and is experiencing the same shocks, so I'm not surprised to learn that they are quite common. - Santa Clara (California)

Nancy E. Stickel - My doctor prescribed this as the "wonder drug of the century" in 1995. I have tried on SEVERAL occasions to get off the drug, only to suffer HORRIBLE dizziness and vision problems. - USA

Louise Bibbey - Been off Seroxat (Paxil) for 2 weeks now. In the UK we were also told the drug was not addictive - GSK obviously have a sick sense of humour. I live just 20 miles from GSK headquarters - maybe I could stand outside the gates and hand out Seroxat to their staff so they too can enjoy electric shocks and whooshing sounds in their heads. I've heard that heroin withdrawal is a breeze compared with this. - United Kingdom

Jacqueline Busalacchi - Paxil falsly advertise "little or no side effects" when I KNOW for a fact that this is not true. I have been trying to get off this medicine and this is day 9. I am experiencing horrible withdrawl sysptoms and I am convinced my body is dependent on this terrible medicine. - USA

Mary Ann Watkins - My SON is on this stuff and can't get off it because the withdrawal symptoms leave him incapacitated! - USA

Rebecca E. Silver - I hate the zaps, it is a nightmare - USA

Joe Salvador - Addictive, life-controlling - USA

Michelle Broglie - can't stop taking paxil - USA

Stephanie Uribe - I am one of those who is currently suffering from Paxil withdrawal. Paxil is addictive, and I would have NEVER take this drug had I have known this. - USA

Anita Ward-Miller - I have had many side effects on Paxil and now going through the VERY slow withdrawal process. - USA

Joyce - My doctor tried to "wean" me off of Paxil and it didn't work. I was not told about the nausea, jolts, etc. I'm still on it due to the fact it's too much to go through to stop taking it. - USA

Katherine Holmes - I have been taking Paxil for 5 years. The past two years I have been trying to come off Paxil without success. If the dosage gets too low in my system I have headaches from hell, dizziness, nausea, zaps in my brain and constantly think of suicide. My life has been a constant rollercoaster from hell for the past two years. I have never used drugs in my life, but now I fully understand the problems with withdrawing from an addictive drug. - USA

Kristin Scharf - Hooked on Paxil since '94 Tried 3 times to get off of it and try another anti depressant and had terrible withdrawl symptoms. Now, am currently/consistently needing mg increase and body aches occur qd 1-3 hours before time to take another tablet. Thanks a lot SKB-"NOT!" - USA

Bonnie S. Krull - Hand tremors was the major factor in my decision to stop Paxil. I cut my 20 mg pills in half (normal dosage was 20 mgs/day) for 2 weeks per doctor instructions. Beginning the 3rd week and continuing I have been suffering from severe headaches w/ZAPs, nausea, loss of appretite, flu-like sytoms,blurred vision and extreme depression. - Canyon Country, CA USA

Susan Landress - cannot get past this terrrible withdrawal syndrome I have. Very hard to live my daily life with these symptoms - USA

Deborah Tarkington - You are currently advertising on tv that Paxil is not habit forming, 9/12/02.This makes me extremely angry! I am beginning the process for the second time to get off this stuff and I had to leave work to do it. This drug is costing me my income and extreme suffering. I've spoken to an attorney about this--I'm determined to be heard! - USA

Barbara Douglas - As a single mother, Paxil is causing horrible economic and social problems with my family. I am unable to afford my full dosage of Paxil so I take 1/2 and it does me no good except to prevent the "zaps" and nausea. The 1/2 dose does not correctly stop the sudden boughts of anger and confusion. I see no end. It looks like I will have

to take Paxil for the rest of my life....I thought it would be drug THERAPY, not ADDICTION. - USA

Elizabeth Germanio - Spent almost a month trying to get off this stuff and I was only taking 20mg! I weened off very slow over almost an entire month. Yes, I spent a month suffering the "zaps", which I liked to call my brain short circuiting. That's truly what it felt like to because my memory, concentration and focus (not to mention my easy agitation, sudden negative attitude toward everything, nightmares, and disrupted sleeping) were all effected during my coming off the drug. It's now been 3 weeks since my last dosage and I still have to hold myself back from getting the prescription refilled because I'm not feeling even close to 100% like myself. - USA

Christina A. Reprogle - HELP!!!!!! After numerous tries to go off this drug, I find I am physically dependent on it and am at least 75 lbs. overweight !!! HELP !!!! - United States

Helene Savage - I've tried several time to discontinue use but the withdrawal symptoms were too severe. - USA

Molly Congdon - Paxil withdrawal and side effects ruined my life for close to 2 years. I still get tiny zaps from time to time. The drug is addictive. Please consider the wellfair of all. - USA

Scott Dove - There is a serious problem with this drug (Withdrawls) are a major problem!!! - United States

Michelle Kohout - My life is on the verge of destruction... I am going through terrible withdrawal symptoms. Shame on you ...Why don't one of you take Paxil for One month and then go off it cold Turkey... You'll experience hysteria, have these terrible Brain zaps that sometimes make you fall over, you will become so fatigued that when you are driving you fight to stay awake... I wonder how many car accidents have been caused by people coming off Paxil. ... - USA

Amy Hommel - Paxil was an effective drug for me while I took it but when I didnt for money reasons I wanted to die.The pubic should be made aware of the withdraws befere the take it. - U.S.A.

Dominik Mollica - 4 years on paxil = zombie/ getting off of it = a nightmare / "say no THANK YOU to drugs" (Nan = so f\$cking impolite!) love & peace to all... - United States of America

Michelle Harde - I'm signing for my daughter (Amanda) who experienced an emergency room visit when trying to withdraw from Paxil. - Montgomery County, MD

Marilyn Haney - I am suffering from terrible withdrawals that I knew nothing about when it was prescribed and my dr. doesn't apparently know the proper way to taper me. - USA

Kathy Speer - i am desperately trying to get off paxil. the side effects i feel include dizzyness and tingling in my head and become very emotional, with suicidal thoughts. please help those of us who want to get off meds to get off without such drastic withdraw symptoms.. - US

Patricia Anzalone - I'm gladly signing this petition. I can't tell you how I have suffered due to Paxil. I can not stop taking it. I am so scared and I'm trying to find answers. - U.S.

Randy Robin - 7.5 Years on Paxil! Doctor did not monitor. Withdrawing now. 20mg to 10 mg for two weeks to 5 mg for two weeks. At 5 mg effects particularly tangible. Shock-like pulses, headaches, sinus headaches, nausea, dizziness, weakness. Had frequent sinus problems and sinus infections (@ every two months) for past 7.5 years with treatment by anti-biotics always necessary. Managing doctor, ear-nose-and throat specialists, allergists never made connection of problem with Paxil though the question of what medications I was on always came up and I always answered "Paxil, 20 mg." Thanks for the hell, discomfort, resistance to antibiotics, SKB! Hope I can make it through another few weeks of discomfort and be rid of the side-effects. What are the long-term effects of having been on this stuff so long? Why were doctors so clueless, so willing to let me go on taking this drug unmonitored so long? I had to to ask if I could stop taking it and the doctor seemed unconcerned that I had been on it so long, what the withdrawal process might be, what it had done and would do to me. - USA

Genia Chapman - I have been trying for several months to get off this stuff! There needs to be more of a warning! Not just for the side effects of taking it. - United States

Jai Mitchell - I cannot get off paxil as I suffer extreme withdrawals - United States

Gloria Dorsey - I have been on Paxil for 6 years. It has helped a great deal with panic disorder, but I feel I am stuck on it. I have withdrawal symptoms between doses. - USA

Toni Monroe - I am a person suffering from paxil withdrawal - Garland, Texas

Marion Coussons - Paxil put me in the Hospital..almost killed me. Its the Pill from HELL - Whitby, Ontario...Canada

Tammy McLean, R.N. - As far as withdrawl effects go, this medication has the most unpleasant and disturbing ones I have ever experienced. I spent one 2 year period on it, and had to slowly wean myself after becoming pregnant. My MD has encouraged me to go back on it, and I have been taking Paxil for 3 months currently. Just this week, even though have not missed a dose, I am experiencing the same withdrawl symptoms I used to have. Why is this?? There are very strange zapping sensations in my head, with a feeling of unsteadiness. I am also feeling more anxious. I am going to wean myself off of this and stop it al together. - Canada

Tenisha - I am totally shocked at all the people who are suffering the same as I am. I was put on paxil (20mg) about 5 months ago. I am down to 10mg doses right now and I have experienced extreme nausea, restless sleep, headaches, confusion, dizziness and a strange itchiness in my left hand and legs. About two weeks ago I missed 2 doses in a row and I totally freaked out. I had such terrible vertigo that I couldnt even drive my car home from work. Everytime I turned my head I felt like I could pass out. What a way to go!! My doctor wanted me to just stop cold turkey, but when I relayed to him the trouble I had when I hadnt taken it for two days he suggested cutting the pills in half and taking them for a week and then stopping. I am afraid to stop taking the 10mg size, I will probably freak again. God bless to all of you who are suffering too, i feel your pain...and GOOD LUCK TO US ALL, we need it!! - California, USA

Penny Rashotte - very serious withdrawal while trying to discontinue,including electrical sensations,chronic fatigue,mood swings,intense anger,nausea, dizziness d/c because of excessive sweating, weight gain,sexual side effects. Interestingly enough, have had anxiety & panic disorder for 23 years, & Paxil (paroxitine) has been the most successful of any treatments.(have tried almost every available drug)Currently put on Trazadone by psychiatrist but still experiencing withdrawl for about 3 weeks now. Have tried tapering paxil. - Canada

Vanessa - Try quitting yourself and see what it's like to have the Zaps!!!! - Allegheny

Rachel Wedde - I have severe withdrawals going on right now after being off paxil for 3 weeks - Outagamie

Jenny Timson - I have taken the drug for 4 years and cannot reduce the dose without feeling suicidal - Great Britain

Ben Baker - Can't get off of Paxil - USA

Julie Kennedy - I have been on PAXIL for 8 months and decided to come off it. I have been taking 20mg everyday. My doctor recommeded take 1 tablet every other day. It has been a week since I started this. I have very bad nausea, dizziness (like an inner ear problem), flu like symptoms and the zaps. I thought the saps were due to the weather turning cooler. It is really rough. I've never felt so uncomfotable. - Tennessee, USA

Nettie J Dobbins - The withdrawal of this drug, paxil is the most physically & mental torment i have ever experienced - Cobb

Carla Garito - I am currently having terrible withdrawals from discontinuing my treatment of paxil. Its horrible. - Canada

Carol Patten - I am on seroxat and experiencing bade side effects, especially if I miss a few doses - United Kingdom

Teresa King - I have been on Paxil for 3 years and have tried to go off it three times. I had less trouble recoving from alcoholism. When I see the commercials that say "paxil is non-habit forming I start yelling at the television. This drug needs to be prescribed with serious warnings. I am terrified of trying again, but I I know I will have to if I want to have children. - U.S.A.

Barbara DeNooyer - Get this drug off the market, it is dangerous. I am trying to get off of this and it is pure hell. These drug manufactures should be sent to jail for ruing so many lives - USA

Julia K. Lawrence - I was unprepared by my physicians for the withdrawal symptoms. I have a masters degree from the Univeristy of Illinois at Chicago College of Pharmacy. I am familiar with the symptoms of withdrawal from an addictive substance. I have observed milder DT's from alcoholics. It is unbelievable that the FDA is not taking action on this drug and its horrible withdrawal symptoms. - United States of America

Alice Bailey-Smith - I am unable to stop taking PAXIL because of severe side effects I am unable to function when I try to stop the drug. I was told there are no side effects when the medicaton is discontinued - USA

Dawn Hagendorf - Am now pregnant and can not quit cold turkey - USA

David Deaton - This drug has ruined my brain. Electrical zaps constantly, I have gained 40 lbs, been so tired and sick I can no longer work. I

probably will have to get on SSI. Sometimes I wish I was dead from what it has done to me. - Montgomery (Ohio)

Adam Smith - I needed to taper down over 6 months to avoid otherwise completely debilitating physical withdrawal symptoms - USA

Jessica A. Hanson - SEVERE Withdrawal / addiction - USA

Mrs Jill Davidson - Should be stopped from marketing this product . I have been on it for ten years now I cant come off them because of the side affects. - Great Britain

Anthony Scargill - I began taking paroxetine because I was told it would help my depression and anxiety without me becoming addicted. This is NOT the case. I am now trying to get off it and am really sufferings from "The Zaps" and light headedness. I find it difficult to concentrate and am lethargic. - UK

Richard C Harris - Bad Zaps and Mood swings - USA

Priscilla T. Joyner - Major withdrawal problems - USA

Nicola Mc Conville - severe aggression outbursts and hooked on seroxat - UK

Brian Villarante - I really cant get off of Paxil. I've tried to taper it messes me up. I hate Paxil I was tricked into taking it because I wasn't informed of the physical addictions and the "zaps" - United States of America

Terri Trent - I took paxil for two months then faded dosage to stop. For three months following I cried every single day, sometimes many times a day. I couldn't figure out why I couldn't stop crying. I also experienced extreme nausea, dizziness and motion sickness. I know now that this was a result of taking Paxil. Please take this drug off the market! - Manhattan

Samantha Broaddrick - I've been taking Paxil since 1996 and don't think I'll ever be able to come off it! Withdrawal symptoms are pure hell! - United States

Mario Javier - When getting down to about 2 to 3 pills left, I get very nervous to make sure that I refill immediately. I am going through tough times and wish I could of known. - USA

Andrew Sargeant - I went through the side effects for quite some time. Electric shock sensations in my head.. disturbing. - UK

N. Edwards - I feel as if I will have to take this drug for the rest of my life - USA

Andrew Wallace - Paxil withdrawal makes me suicidal - USA

Richard B - My wife has been on this med since 1996, has tried to come off it and had a week of pure hell, went to doctor and was told it was probably just her anxiety and not withdrawal, had to start taking it again to control the symptoms, someone out there please help her and others like her to get their lives back!! - USA

Maylissa Russell - Do not take this drug! The withdraws have cost me my job and my life. These are the worst withdraws I have ever experienced! - US

CINDY BROWN - SEVERE BRAIN & BODY ZAPPING/INSOMNIA/VIVID DREAMS/HEAD PAINS - USA

Shannon Anderson - Side Effects are still with me after 5 years!!! - USA

Jill Durrant - Problems withdrawing, now trying again - England

Richard C Harris - Bad Zaps and Mood swings - USA

Emma Mitchell - Been on it for 9 years.....Have tried to come off it on numerous occasions but withdrawel is so terrifying (head shocks/zapps, vivid dreams, dizziness, suicidal thoughts). Always end up going back on it as it is the only thing that makes me feel back to 'normal'....and they say it's not addictive!! - England

Viera Rezac Bernay - I went trough hell for about 4 months after stoping paxil. I was having electric shocks, I was sweating, was dizzy, panick attacks and deep deep depression. - Studio City (Los Angeles) California

Cynthia M. Cousar - Help Me) I have been addicted to Paxil for 10 years and have been through so much Drama , experciening some many or all side effects related to my paxil I have tried to get off Paxil but I can't go without it . What do I do? - USA

Cheryl Faires - I was prescribed Paxil because of a side affect of taking Tamoxifen. Paxil withdrawal is a nightmare!!!! - United States

Jennifer Cunningham - Horrible Paxil withdrawl - United States

Amber Locklear - Paxil helped with my anxieity then my md took me off of it cold turkey when i became pregnant, it was terrible,the withdraws from paxil were worse then giving birth, my o.b. had to put me back on the paxil he thought me being in the shape i was from the withdraws that it was bad for the baby and me, i am scared to ever get off of it again, i attempted another time a year after my babies birth with my doc helping me to taper off it was still awful and i then again had to take that paxil pill because i was having bad nightmares and was crying all of the time, i felt crazy. - United States

Caroline Featherstone - I am having dreadful withdrawal symptoms coming down from 40 to 20 mcgs. This is not acceptable. I am an intelligent and articulate woman. I would advise anyone not to go on Seroxat & to seek alternative treatment. - UK

Jeanine L. Russell - I've been on Paxil for six years now. Sure, it takes away your downs, but only by making you a zombie! I've tried three times now to stop taking it, but because of the HELL the withdrawal symptoms put me in, I had to resume taking it. I'm going to have to take a semester off of school to get off of it. I'm afraid I'll never get away from it. Thanks for six years of a half life. - USA

Erica Parsons - I have been a user of this drug for over 4 years now, and am finally trying to ween myself off. I was never warned about the side effects and have been expeirencing them first hand. This is a dangerous drug that needs to be taken off the market immediatly! Please do not put others through this horrible withdrawl! - U.S.A.

Caroline LeBrocq - Seroxat ruined my life - Wales

Lara Turner - I've been on Paxil for 8 years and have tried to stop taking it several times with no success. - USA

Michella - this might be a long comment - but I had severe complications with this drug. I thought i was depressed before I started taking it - well let me tell you, it made it 150 times worse. I became suicidal which I NEVER was in my life, I obsessed even more so than I did before I started taking it. Also, it gave me extreme shakes, severe insomnia - had to start taking sleeping pills on top of the paxil, made me extremely

angry all the time and when I wasn't angry - I was crying uncontrollably for no reason. It made me into someone I wasn't and changed my life in a horrible way. I know people that are given paxil by their regular md for hardly any reason - they hand it out like candy. Some of these people talk about how it changed their life for the best and they don't know what they would do without it - but it also has a LARGE effect on them when they don't take it - even for a day. I highly do not recommend it - USA

CJ - I decided to stop taking Paxil after i started to notice that i was not acting myself - sort of numb to everything. I didn't want to NOT feel, that wasn't who i was. The withdrawal off this medication was horrific. - US

Tina Adams - I am weaning myself off of Paxil and have experienced some very disturbing side effects - USA

Ron Reiter - While on Paxil I felt "odd." Sort of numb all over. Had a dulling of my personality. Tried stopping "cold turkey" and experienced vertigo, stinging "electric-type" shocks and general feeling that I was going through withdrawals. Glad to be off finally. - USA

Katja Lahdenranta - Every time I discontinue the use of Paxil (or Seroxat as it is known in Finland), I get numerous and severe withdrawal symptoms, the worst of which is having electric shock-type feelings in my upper body. The electric ticks come many times in a minute. They are painful and very unpleasant. I want to ask you what would be your recommended pace to quit the use of Paxil . I've eaten it 20 mg per day now for over a year. I have consulted doctors but they shake their heads and think there should not be any withdrawal symptoms. I have had these symptoms since I first ate paxil, about five or six years ago. I am no longer in need of a depression medication, but beause of the withdrawal symptoms I keep taking it. Please release information to the public about these side-effects of Paxil. - Finalnd

Jennifer Abraham - I'm a Paxil addict - USA

Hayley-L Gribble - went through hell when comming off seroxat - England

Britt-Inger Petras - There is no doubt in my mind that Paxil is addictive. The withdrawl my husband is suffering as we are speaking is beyond acceptance. A horror and nodoctors understand. A living nightmare. - Canada

Prestina L. Huff - cannot seem to quit taking paxil -- the withdrawal is unreal - US

Mary Caraway - paxil is terrible, I can't get off it. - USA

Amanda S. - 7 years on Paxil... I am in hell; I am so sad to know that I am ruined because of a medication. I was normal, I was 19, I had some anxiety symptoms in college so Paxil it was... 7 years later, I cannot come off; my entire personality has changed, I am so alone. I was NOT BORN TO BE THIS WAY! Paxil has ruined me; I pray that one day I can be free of it, but know I will endure HELL trying to get there. My loved ones don't understand, I am so angry, and depressed. I was a KID; and NORMAL. You have RUINED ME!!!!!! - USA

Cassie Garner - Trying to get off paxil has made my life a living hell - USA

Dawn M. Poteraske - Something needs to be done to inform the public of the severe withdrawal symptoms of Paxil. People should, at the very least, know what to expect, so they don't think they are losing their mind and want to commit suicide due to the increase in depression symptoms. I have been taking paxil for two years and have been unable to stop (due to what I know now is the withdrawal symptoms.). I have been unaware up until three days ago that it wasn't just me, that thousands of people are in the same boat, and not one of us were given any information of what to expect when trying to stop taking this drug. The drug company is fine with the fact that thousands of people have to suffer, and wonder what is happening to them. Thank you to everyone who is trying to make a difference. - United States (Wisconsin)

Peter Barry - Seroxat has ruined my life - UK

John H. - electric shocks, unable to turn head or eyes - USA

Kimberly Root - I HATE the withdrawal feelings. I hate having brain tremors. I am trying to wean myself and IT IS NOT working. - USA

Michele Hildebrandt - I've been on Paxil for 4 years, because every time I have tried to get off of it, the withdrawal side effects are too unbearable. From my personal experience, Paxil is a highly physically addicting drug, and one that I will probably never be able to go off of, because of that - Canada

Jennifer Valella - I am experiencing HORRIBLE withdrawal symptoms from quitting Paxil and if I had KNOWN that this drug would have this effect on me, I NEVER would have started it! I think people should know the truth beforehand about this drug! - Rowan

Kellie Miller - Your drug saved my life - and made me its slave. - USA

Linda Fazakerley - when skipping one or two doses I get funny in my head  
- United States

John Phillips - Heaven when I started...Hell when I stopped! - UK

Ann Margaret Denny - This has been a nightmare for me (withdrawal). -  
Wilbarger

Kathryn Unger - After quitting Paxil for 5 days, I had to continue taking  
it because I was extremely depressed, confused, and the lightening  
impulses set off by the nerve endings caused by withdrawal were  
unbearable. I experienced suicidal tendencies (I've never been suicidal)  
without Paxil. Further, my doctor nor the prescription literature never  
forwarned me of these problems. - United States of America

Suzanne Russell - I have been unable to discontinue Paxil because the  
withdrawals are too severe. - United States of America

Erin Wade - After taking Paxil for over 7 years, I cannot go more than 5-  
8 hours past my usual dosage time (7:00 a.m.) without miserable symptoms  
beginning. I am currently tapering off (for over a year and a half now)  
and have gone from 50's down to 15 mg. I cannot wait to be free of this  
whole experience. - USA

Kathy Price - I had NO idea withdrawal would be this horrible - US

Amy Hayles - I would never, ever recommend anyone to take Paxil. The  
withdrawal symptoms are absolutely horrible. - USA

Angela Di Veroli - I was on Paxil for 7 months and it was torture coming  
off of it. I also nursed my son while on paxil and he had side effects.  
My Dr. told me it would be safe. He did not sleep through the night until  
6 months after I got off the Paxil and he was over a year old. - USA

Carrie Schmittauer - I have been trying to "wien" myself off of Paxil for  
the past year and the side effects were so bad I had to go back on it. -  
USA

Mary Anne Adams - I am in the midst of nightmare withdrawal - U.S.A.

Ward - I feel I must sign this on behalf of my mother (72 years old), who until about 4 years ago when she was put on to Seroxat for mild depression, was still driving, going for walks and had a good social life; but now is suffering with the shakes, nausea, bad balance and is feeling very low (to mention just a few symptoms) and is now trying to come off Seroxat - I sincerely hope that this petition will make a difference! - UK

Samuel Rivera - My wife is experiencing serious withdrawl effects from the Paxil. She gradually tapered herself off the medication, but is still having serious withdrwal problems including dizziness, balance problems, faintness, heart racing, and confusion. Her doctor never advised us of the possible problems associated with tapering off the Paxil. - USA

Bonnie B. Zanker - I am not a drug addict and I am suffering horrendous side effects from gradually tapering off the Paxil. I have also suffered withdrawl from simply running out of my prescription for 2-3 days. Some dr.'s and pharmacists have admitted that coming off the Paxil creates withdrawl symptoms. However, one doctor told me that I needed to go to the emergency room because the dizziness, nausea, problems with balance, and heart racing was not a symptom of withdrawl from Paxil. I spent 3 hours in the ER to be told there was nothing wrong and it was withdrawl from the Paxil. This needs to stop. My doctor never advised me of the withdrawl effects. - USA

John Frost - My problems getting off Paxil were not what I expected, dizzyness, nervousness, twitching, feeling like I am hooked up to an electric generator all the time. These symptoms seem to me to be screaming, "go back on Paxil....Go back...you know you want to...forget the cost....you need it." Perfect Formula ...for making money. - USA

Sondra Davis - Having experienced the side effects of Paxil, I have been withdrawing very slowly from the drug..the Zaps in my head and the swooshing sounds are really terrible. I am experiencing the sweating, aches and feeling sick to my stomach. - USA

Susan Jaycock - I have had the most awful withdrawal symptoms trying to get off of Seroxat. If I had known about these I would never have taken them. I was told they were non-addictive - but I didn't realise how a pharamaceutical company would play on words. Not addictive, oh, no, just the most awful withdrawal symptoms. When I started to come off and had the withdrawal symptoms my GP thought it was the depression again, I knew it wasn't. Luckily for me the Panorama programme happened to come on and I knew then what the problem was, that woman on the programme, I knew exactly what she was going through. Because we are through the nature of our illness people who have had depression and anxiety, I feel we are overlooked, and have no voice, simply because of that. It is too easy to

say, well they obviously have depression again, or whatever. I am so angry at SmithKline Beecham for not telling us the truth, and marketing this tablets as safe. They are terrible, don't go on them, the dizziness, the awful electric shock sensations, you need to be aware, the manufacturers and GP's have a duty to tell us the truth. - United Kingdom

Sandra Furughi - I once was out of the country, ran out of Paxil and went without it for a week and I suffered from very severe withdrawls symptoms! I experienced dizziness, many "highs and lows," and saw black all of a sudden. - United States

Debbie Bates - Paxil should have never been released. I tried last year to get off of it and came crawling back. I am trying again this year, but it literally took me a year to get over my withdrawals and I still felt depleted in my identity from the trauma of withdrawals (electrical zaps, crying, naseau, dizziness, I basically just wanted to take a gun and put it to my head). There has been severe damage done to a large population of consumers as a result of Paxil. I hope there will be justice for releasing such a horrible drug. The withdrawal side effects are inexcusable and unacceptable. What were you thinking besides dollar signs? - US

Jim Beerse - I have been trying to stop this drug for almost a year now and after the first week I end up taking it again. I would have never started taking this drug if I knew the side effects. I had started taking it for panic disorder now when I try to get off of it I have panic attacks that are worse then before I started. My only option would be to take two weeks off from work and lay in bed, which I cannot afford to do because I have a wife and children that need me. - United States

LaShelle Woellert Christenberry - This drug is VERY addictive! - USA

Heather Kessler - I had a hard time getting off paxil and when i did i had to go right back on it because it made me so sick coming off of it. I have now been on paxil for about 2 yrs. - USA

Lyda Rose Haag - I have become addicted to Paxil and have been very ill from this drug- it has literally ruined my life- it needs to be stopped!  
- USA

Jeanette Trujillo - I have been on Paxil for a year. I have been attempting to get off the drug for 6 months now, but can not deal with the horrible side effects. I feel like I'm being forced to remain on this drug. I feel like I only hve two choices (1) feel great or (2) feel horrible. As a human being..which one would you choose. I am disgusted by the fact that something that was said to "not be habit forming" in fact is. - United States of America

Michael Pavloski - The side effects of Paxil have greatly interfered with my daily activities. I am attempting to wean myself off of this drug pursuant to my doctor's instructions. This has caused even more problems. I have experienced nausea, vomiting, intense malaise, symptoms of vertigo, lack of concentration, vision problems, weight gain, sweating, fever, low blood pressure, and the list goes on. These side effects were not explained to me by my doctor before prescribing this medicine, and the Paxil website dismisses all side effects as minor. This is a horrible epidemic to place on those who were already previously suffering from panic attacks. - U.S.A.

Barbara J. Weller - I withdrew from Paxil in 1995 and almost immediately began having electrical shocks coming from my heart and zapping to my brain, 7 years later I still experience these symptoms from time to time.  
- USA

Mary Kay Evans - I HAVE EXPERENCED MANY SIDE EFFECTS FROM THIS DRUG AND I AM ANGRY THAT NO ONE AND I MEAN NO ONE NOT MY DOCTOR NOT THE INSERT TOLD ME I WOULD FEEL LIKE KILLING MYSELF WHEN TRYING TO GO OFF THIS DRUG. IT IS SO SAD THAT AS A SOCIAL WORKER MYSELF WHO HELPS OTHERS CANNOT HELP MYSELF NOW. I HAVE JUST ABOUT LOST MY COMPANY AS I CANNOT WORK FULLTIME. I HAVE LOST A PART OF MYSELF DUE TO THE SEVERE WITHDRAWAL SYMPTOMS WHEN I TRY TO CUT BACK THE DOSE. I HAVE LOST MANY THINGS IN MY LIFETIME AND I NOW FEAR I MAY ALSO LOSE MY VERY LIFE. - AMERICA

Joanne - habit forming, can not get off the drug!! - USA

Nancy Sinclair - If this isn't addictive then my two months of withdrawal must have been my imagination. - USA

Marie-Josée Bercier - 6 years of Paxil 30 mg, took me 4 months to go 15mg  
- Quebec, Canada

Soha S. Sadek - having an extremely hard time with withdrawal - USA

Justin Ray - Withdrawal symptoms after 36 hours without Paxil - United States

Jason Walker - I feel like I'm going crazy trying to discontinue this drug!!! - United States

Rebecca - I started taking paxil, and have only been on it for 2 months, I will say that it does make you feel better, but then I was feeling alot

better I decided to take myself off of it! I started having really bad headaches, and felt dizzy everytime I stood up and alot of the withdrawl symptoms that are on this site! The last thing I would have guessed was this Paxil, and getting off this was so bad, I decided to put myself back on it, to keep from having these feelings. - United States

J Hargreaves - I Had a horrible experience stopping this med. - Canada

Patty Swope - Took it for short term anxiety. Now withdrawal is making me miserable. - USA

Anne Cunningham - Trying to quit Paxil is the hardest thing I have ever tried to do and I am still trying, but I am angry at how misled I was and had chosen Paxil as "safer" than some other alternatives. - USA

Lois A. Helgeson - My husband is on 60 mg. Paxil a day. He is mentally cruel to me now, and not the man I used to know and love. - USA

Stephanie L Burkle - The withdrawls from this drug are horrendous!!!! The people responsible for this drug can rot in hell! - USA

Tiffany Potter - As a mother of two toddlers I can honestly say that the withdrawal symtpons that I am experiencing from discontinuing Paxil CR are greatly interfering with my ability to safely take care of my children. I have been and still continue to have intense and frequent "sensory disturbances" that are prohibiting me from functioning normally. Had I been informed of the withdrawal symptoms prior to starting treatment with Paxil I would have asked to take a different medication. - USA

John Lebasis - Most comments about the product on this site sum up my experiences quite well. I have NEVER felt so strongly and dissapointed before about this sort of misinformation before. It seems to be a very political issue: I am sure SmithKline Beecham are very aware of the problems associated with this drug...after all, it has been ten years now since it came onto the market, but they are hesitant to list the effects of withdrawal as it would result in significantly less sales...Ok...understandable in business terms, they are doing their job for the company...BUT, we are dealing with peoples health and emotional well-being, so this really raises some very serious moral obligations that the company is failing to aknowledge and do something about. All people want is to know what theyr are in for when being prescribed this medication, it is fully their right to know about the withdrawal problems in order to look at both positive and negative aspects to taking the drug and make an INFORMED decision...not a decision based purely on BIASED information. I also wish to add that I had been taking Paxil to treat my Panic attacks/chronic anxiety...and it worked really well for me, and I

am sure it has helped many others, but if I had known about the hell that awaited me when I tried to withdraw...I can assure you, I would have opted for a different drug. - Australia

Julie A Allwardt - I was on Paxil for 2 years. I gained 20 pounds, lost my sex drive, and still suffer withdrawals (after being off the drug for 6 months). - USA

CHARLOTTE A. JONES - Have tried numerous times to go off Paxil, the brain zaps are so frightening, I go right back on it. I have tried cutting the pills in half, tried substituting Prozac for the Paxil, everything. I CAN'T get off it!!!! HELP!!!! - U.S.A.

Elaine Diane Rashi - Now paying over \$3.00 per pill because I can't get off of them - Los Angeles, California

Kim Kuzak - I have been going through hell trying to come off Paxil. After two months of slowly slowly reducing my dose which was only 20 at it's highest, I still experience dizziness, nausea, confusion and the strange sensations I can only call somethin glike a bad drug trip. At it's worst this experience is as bad or worse than severe depression. This drug is horrific. - Canada

Wesley Samson - Please don't Ban Paxil, I don't think I could take the Withdrawal symptoms, The Brain Zaps are the worst! I started taking Paxil for panic attacks, worked great but now I have Bad Social Anxiety Disorder when I don't take my paxil every day at the same time. I've tried to quit 10 times, couldn't do it! Now I can't function without it. - Canada

Bill Nugent - I have been using Paxil now for over 6 years. I can honestly say that once I made it through the initial side effects, the drug changed my life for the better. It was like a magic wand was waved over me and allowed me to be normal. The anxiety disorders and panic attacks just stopped happening!! I remember thinking why I would ever want to stop taking it. Now I know that I can't stop taking it. I was laid off about six months ago and although I am now employed, it is as a non benefited consultant. Although I chose to COBRA my insurance from my old company, I have had several gliches with proving I have insurance to Eckerds. The Paxil ran out last week as I am waiting for a new drug card from the insurance company. I just experienced Hell on earth!! I was able to "score" a week of samples to tide me over, but I am scared to death of running out again. I have now resigned myself to the fact that I will have to purchase Paxil for the rest of my life. What a way to guarantee an income stream!! - USA

Debbie - i too am trying to get off the drug for the second time ! if only we had been warned, i have never been dependent on any thing and would have chosen another drug. now i am searching for a way to stop taking the drug without such horrible side effects. anyone have any advice? - USA

Bonnie O'Neill - I have been withdrawing off of Paxil for a year now and it has been hell. I think the company knows full well that Paxil is addictive and that the withdrawal symptoms are severe. I feel that they should pay for all the pain and suffering they have caused. Making a profit is a horrendous excuse for ruining so many peoples lives. - Mexico

Suzanne Sonnefeld - I have had numerous serious side effects while trying to taper off Paxil. I still can't get off the drug. - USA

FERNANDEZ LOPEZ - SIX YEARS DRINK PAXIL 30MG - COSTA RICA CENTRO AMERICA

Kim Cabello - I feel like a street drugie from trying to ween off of just 30 mg. of Paxil. Hellish nightmares, dizziness, nausea, swooshing in my head, not being able to open my eyes without wanting to faint. I hope you people get your pants sued off of you for putting people through these horrific side effects without proper labeling. - USA

G. Kay Witt - One year after he began taking Paxil, my 29 year old son was dead. He began suffering severe depression and violent mood swings after taking Paxil for only a few months. The depression worsened when he attempted to gradually withdraw from taking the drug. - United States

Kathleen R. Healy - The problems that I have experienced withdrawing from Paxil have been physically wrenching, This medication is dangerous. - El Paso

Wendy E - I only took it for 5 days and had about 1 1/2 months of withdrawl. It was horrible. - USA

Philip C. Cartey - Paxil is surely one of the most scandalous chapters in our current era of medical history. - USA

Hannah Thomas - I took paxil for 7 years and if I would miss one pill, I would feel so bad. The weakness I had was unbelievable! I deserve something out of those people!!! - United States

Tonya Batman - I was not told about withdrawal symptoms and am suffering greatly - USA

Michael Spain - I have experienced some of the withdrawal symptoms described here by others. You cannot imagine how RELIEVED I was to find that the nausea, the dizziness and lightheadedness, and especially the sensations of being shocked were simply symptoms of Paxil Withdrawal. I had thought that I had contracted a particularly virulent disease, but was too debilitated by the withdrawal to seek medical help. It is irresponsible of the Makers of Paxil to withhold information on Paxil withdrawal from the public. Anyone suffering from the symptoms I experienced while driving a car would automatically become a "Danger to self and others." - USA

Jennifer Chane - I have been taking paxil for 6 years, I began taking it with the understanding that it was not addictive, and believe me I have made several attempts to get off of the med. cutting down the dosage, skipping days, ect..... my body experiences total shut down, like a bad flu. I cannot go without it. My husband has even called the pharmacy at night to get my paxil, after hours, he claims that he would walk a mile in a blizzard to get them for me because not having them makes me sick. - USA

Jean Burbage - I experienced severe withdrawal. I thought I was going crazy, not realizing at the time I was experiencing withdrawal symptoms. - USA

Jill M Harvell - my withdrawl from this drug caused terrible, unexpected physical and emotional symptoms - USA

Andrea - I started Paxil in 1993. Noone warned me of any side effects. I tried unsuccessfully to quit 3 times. To finally escape from this evil drug, I was nonfunctional for 3 months - horrible flu-like symptoms and brain-zaps so bad I couldn't open my eyes for hours at a time. I lost 20 pounds. I couldn't go to work or even leave the house. I needed to go to a rehab center like any other addict. I am finally free from Paxil. I wouldn't wish this drug on my worst enemy. - USA

Kindra - Had I known of the withdrawals I would experience when discontinuing Paxil (not to mention the side effects while ON the drug), I would have never started. While on Paxil, I gained 30 lbs, had trouble concentrating, blurry vision, lack of motivation / caring, etc. The effects of quitting Paxil cold turkey were 100 time worse. The electric shocks, tracers, dizziness, mood swings, nausea, and heart flutters were horrible. I also lost 20 pound within a month and became more manic than I had ever been. I think that with enough support we have grounds for a class action suit. - USA

Michele Christie - Having Major Withdrawals - will take 2 years to taper off this medicine - USA

Victoria Burton - I have tried coming off Paxil (or Seroxat, as it is known in the UK), with disastrous effects. I developed a stabbing anxiety (something I had only mildly experienced before), and various physical disturbances (at some points it felt like a wave was passing through my head, I would feel dizzy, etc etc) - UK

Suzanne Sonnefeld - I have had numerous serious side effects while trying to taper off Paxil. I still can't get off the drug. - USA

Charles Thomas - I was unable to get a refill on my script from 2 weeks and was almost unable to function. Mood Swings, dizziness, had to start paxil back to maintain my job. Horrible withdraws... - US

Alice Marie Beals - I have been on Paxil for year and a half and still been unable to get off paxil. The side effects are so intense I can barely function and do my everyday needs - U.S.A.

Tracie - WARNING: I have been on anti-depressants for 14 years and have never experienced anything like this. I have been weening off Paxil for 5 months very slowly and have had terrible withdrawal symptoms just from dropping down 1 milligram every 2 weeks. I'm Dizzy, have horrible nausea, headaches, fatigue and can't function for 4 days after each decrease. I still have 7 milligrams left to go. This means that 8 months of my life have been totally wasted. I hope other people will at least have a choice and will be warned about this drug. Those of us who had no prior warning have experienced hell, and needed a lot of help and support from family members trying to get off this drug. - USA

Nicole Gerro - Paxil withdrawals are horrible! I have been trying to quit for more than a year now and get so sick. - USA

Victoria Napthine - I went on the seroxat for depression. the withdrawal symptoms coming off it are far, far worse than the original depression. if someone had warned me this would happen i would never have taken it. - England

Adrian Pert - At present trying to withdraw from 2 years usage. It is no picnic. Everything negative that has been written about withdrawal has justification. - England

Dawn Dantzler - While trying to get off paxil, it felt like I had one hand in the water and the other in a light socket at a minimum of five

times an hour with total blackout of what i was doing at the time, the doctors told me it was all in my head and the noodles brains are still in practice to this day !! Every adverse reaction that could happen, did, including a "mild" heart attack. I still have very little memory of my actions, but my family and friends recall very well !! I would be wonderful to find a good lawyer for all my pain and suffering and then personally have the lisenche of the persons involved revoked for life !!!! - U.S.A.

Melody Parkinson - Illegal drugs are much easier to get off of than this stuff, believe me I know. I have been taking Paxil for 4 months for slight depression and I have been trying to get off of it for 2 months now with no luck. I want to sue the pants off of you for deceiving the good people who take this poison you so gleefully endorse. Say your prayers, your time is up. - USA

Melissa Godfrey - I have never felt as bad as I do now, coming off PAXIL. I would never recommend this drug to anyone. - USA

Milton Barn - I have been on Aropax ( as it is marketed in Australia ) for over 5 years, and have tried several times to come off the medication with bad results. I am definitely suffer severe withdrawal symptoms even after a few days without aropax. - Australia

Beverly Post - I got suicidal when I tried to get off it and thought it was because I wasn't taking the drug. Many other problems too numerous to mention trying to break a 6 year addiction. - USA

Nicole Russo - I have been on this antidepressant for 2 years, and I am currently trying to get off of it and the drug is giving me terrible side effects of withdrawal. - United States

Jamie Brown - Besides the first side effects the first week... I am getting worse 3 yrs later.. and when I start weening myself from the paxil like others I WANT TO DIE.. this stuff causes more problems than it could help. - US

Nicole G - Been on Paxil for about one year. Now I feel like I can never stop. I stopped taking it for two days because I was unable to fill my prescription. I had the worst withdrawal symptoms. My doctor never told me there would be any adverse reaction of I stopped the mediation. I have also had an unreasonable amount of weight gain since starting Paxil. - USA - CT

Argentina P. Williams - I have taken paxil over 8 years and have tried to stop over 5 times and cannot. Stop advertising that it is not habit forming - United States

Dana Strunk - I cannot get off this drug. Every time I attempt I end up having to go back on because I cannot tolerate the side effects - USA

Natalie Holland - I was put on paxil for depression and am now getting withdrawal symptoms. I don't like the fact that I wasn't warned about this and that doctors are so ignorant about it. I asked them for advice and everytime they blew off the paxil withdrawal stories as "media hype". Now I'm suffering for their ignorance and the drug companies false promises. - United Kingdom

Holly Anderson - I experienced severe symptoms even though I tapered my dosage back very slowly. - United States

Donna J. Muller - Stop the deception; I've had electric shock-like sensations in my head for more than a year from Paxil. - US

Stephan Hughes - "zaps" and insomnia are unbearable. - USA

Teresa L. Slater - I would not recommend this drug to anyone. I am withdrawing from Paxil as we speak. Dizziness, zaps, headache, sweats, severe stomach upset and nausea, light and sound sensitivity, all over achiness. - Ashtabula

Robert B. Spalding - On Paxil for 4 years. Hard to get off. - USA

Holly Simon - I have been on paxil and tried to quit 3 times and have not been able to because of the horrible withdrawals I have experienced each time - USA

Steve Salvatore - I was on Paxil 25 mg for a few months and stopped taking it by using a tapering method going to 12.5mg for 4 days and then 6mg for 4 days. This obviously wasn't enough to stop the horrible dizziness that I feel right now. - USA

Amy Russell - been on it for 10 years....can't stop taking it - USA

Kay Getting - off Seroxit is the hardest thing I have ever had to go through, it's been three weeks and I still feel awful. I have never experienced anything like it and am currently taking Prozac, god knows if

I will end up addicted to that as well. When I was first prescribed Seroxat I asked if it was addictive, the answer NO!!!! ha ha ha I have never been addicted to anything in my life, but since I stopped taking the Seroxat I honestly thought for a week my days were numbered. The drug did work for my panic disorder but GSK you need to tell people the truth, GP's don't know and patients don't know how awful the withdrawal is until they try. Be honest with your leaflet and allow people an informed choice. - UK

Jenn Lapinsky - Just like mostly everyone else who has taken this drug, I had a very scary time trying to get off Paxil. I always knew that I had missed a dose because I would become extremely dizzy and notious. I couldn't look to either side of me because I would get this awful shifty, jolting, feeling in my head and eyes. I avoided my family as much as possible because I thought I was losing my mind. I would freak out, pounding and scratching at the floor. I wish that nobody would ever have these experiences again. - Canada

Janet Ashford - I have tried for 6 years to get off Paxil. I went on it for anxiety. The side effects of withdrawing from Paxil are horrible. Zaps, severe dizziness, terrifying confusion, diarrhea, etc. - United States

Eliza Billard - I tried quitting cold turkey and the slightest thing made me hit the dog and take it out on her. I was so irrational and afraid to even be around my 10 month old baby. I had to get back on because I would not handle the withdrawal symptoms. - USA

Louise Graham - This is my 3rd attempt at coming off, it has taken me the last 6 months and still I feel hellish - Scotland

Holly Simon - I have been on paxil and tried to quit 3 times and have not been able to because of the horrible withdrawals I have experienced each time - USA

Debbie Lynn Pucci - I have been on Paxil for 2 years. I recently began tapering off the drug and I am experiencing multiple symptoms. These include: extreme shots of pain in the back of my head sometimes making me very nasaus, dizzy or feeling like i am about to fall over and off balance; making driving a car a frightening, shakes and chills with teeth ratteling, general feelings of fatigue and increased depression! - USA

Mark Pinault - Paxil helped for a certain amount of time.. And then the brain shocks... God.. what a nightmare. - USA

John Newkirk - My wife took this drug for about 4 years. When she finally realized that she DID NOT need it, it took her about six months for the withdrawals to stop. I would not let her take them. Many people do not have someone to keep them away when they want to quit. It was very difficult for her. Thankfully she is past that now and feels fine without Paxil. - USA

K. Lynne Gress - I am currently going through Paxil withdrawals. I have fallen twice in the past five days due to dizziness & imbalance. I have severe zaps going through my head and body. My stomach is upset at all times. I can barely read print as my vision is blurred. I have uncontrollable sweats all day, mostly in the evenings. - USA, Wisconsin

Kendra Murrell - This drug is wicked, trying to wean, gone from 25mg to 12.5mg. After going off the drug (under the advice of a physician) within one week I had all of the symptoms listed by others. I thought I was losing my mind. Went back to taking 12.5 mg and will go down from there. Can't wait to get off this stuff. - USA

D Boyne - My wife was prescribed Seroxat 5 years ago after suffering severe withdrawal symptoms from painkillers administered for chronic back pain. Following her experience with the painkillers she was very reluctant to take any prescription drugs at all but her doctor insisted that there would be absolutely no dependency issues with Seroxat and that she could choose to stop taking it at any time. The drug initially seemed to produce beneficial effects but my wife also started to suffer from traumatic nightmares every night. She tried to stop taking the drug last year but found the withdrawal symptoms to be unbearable (e.g. severe anxiety, 'electric shocks', nausea etc). It now seems that the only option she has is to suffer the terror of regular nightmares or the terror/agony of withdrawal. We are determined to get free from this drug but the prospect of trying again is absolutely terrifying for both of us. I believe her doctor was acting in good faith as Seroxat/Paxil was (and still is) promoted as being 'low dependency' which it is clearly not. - UK

Barbara Mounce - I have tried 3 times to slowly wean myself off of Paxil with no luck. - USA

Kristie Lewis - Side effects when stopping Paxil were horrible for me. I felt so out of control of my feelings and of my body. The mind-numbing shocks were miserable... - United States

ELIZABETH MCGIMPSEY - It took me 8 weeks to taper off Seroxat, now 5 months later I am still having withdrawal effects. This drug has made my life a nightmare, thanks SmithKline Beecham for your non addictive drug. - U.K

Ryan K. Dudek - Upon quitting Paxil, I experienced severe side effects of electric shocks and depression worse than before. - United States

Katie Greenfield - I have been addicted to Seroxat and concequently was on it for 5.5 years before anyone would recognise my problem and 8 years before I managed to withdraw from it. Still recovering. - UK

Russell Graham Rigby - Seroxat is a withdrawal nightmare. - United Kingdom

Graeme Cammack - I am currently assisting my ex-wife to come off 'SEROXAT' and she is going through sheer hell, her life has been devastated by this drug and her withdrawal symptoms have been awful. - Scotland, UK

Stan Murphy - I've tried a number of times to wean myself from a 20mg daily dose of Paxil and each time I experience a number of withdrawal symptoms. On my current attempt, I am experiencing dizziness, nausea, confusion and the infamous 'zaps'. - Canada

Lisa-Marie Arroway - I have used seroxat and am still, 4 years later, still trying to break the vicious circle of addiction and get my life back. I got in to this vicious circle of addiction because my doctor denied that Seroxat was addictive and didn't tell me about the side-effects until I was well and truly hooked on it and it was too late. I hope that you are happy that you have destroyed so many people's lives (mine included!). Still the truth is coming out now isn't it and nothing can stop it! Your company deserves to be put out of business for the misery and suffering that you have caused people like myself, through all your denials and misinformation. If wishes were horses ....! - UK

Irene Cadwallader - This drug is a living nightmare. I have been on Seroxat for over 5 years now and cannot foresee a life without it. When I don't take it I cannot stop shaking, crying, feeling dizzy, headshocks, unable to cope at work or at home. GSK should listen to the "addicts" they have created but they are obviously only interested in the profit this drug generates for them. - UK

Julie A Campbell - I had been on saroxat for 9 months when my doctor said it was time to come off this drug. She gave me a plan over 8 weeks to weened me off saroxat but it didn't work. I started getting dizzy spells, got more depressed and shut myself off from everyone. I decided to go back onto saroxat as it wasn't the right time to come off. - Scotland



