

Renowned epidemiologist and Yale professor Dr. Harvey Risch says Dr. Fauci and FDA have caused the 'deaths of hundreds of thousands of Americans' that could have been saved by hydroxychloroquine

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We've written [a couple of stories](#) recently about Dr. Harvey Risch, a professor of epidemiology in the Department of Epidemiology and Public Health at the Yale School of Public Health. Dr. Risch has authored over 300 peer-reviewed publications.

Recently, Dr. Risch wrote: "There are now 53 studies that show positive results of hydroxychloroquine in COVID infections. There are 14 global studies that show neutral or negative results and 10 of them were patients in very late stages of COVID-19, where no antiviral drug can be expected to have much effect." So, why is the media still spreading misinformation?

Now in an interview over the weekend, Dr. Risch blamed the coronavirus deaths on Dr. Anthony Fauci and the FDA. When asked about his conclusion on hydroxychloroquine studies, Dr. Risch said:

"I conclude the evidence is overwhelming. There's no question that the people who need to be treated and are treated early, it has a very substantial benefit in reducing risk of hospitalization or mortality."

Dr. Risch later drew a parallel between the ongoing coronavirus pandemic and how Dr. Anthony Fauci allowed at least 17,000 AIDS victims to die by not certifying an effective drug for treatment back in the 1980s. Dr. Risch argues that Dr. Fauci is doing the same thing with the coronavirus. Below is how Dr. Risch describes it:

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Dr. Risch went on to explain that science is so one-sided in supporting the result that it's stronger than anything else he has ever studied in his entire career:

"And there's been a massive disinformation campaign that stretches from government to the media that's either suppressing this message, or it is countering it with a false message, and I'm not an expert in the reasons why that's happening other than just observing it, but I am

an expert in the science and I can tell you the science is all one sided. In fact, the science is so one sided in supporting this result that it's stronger than anything else I've ever studied in my entire career. The evidence in favor of hydroxychloroquine benefit in high risk patients treated early as outpatients is stronger than anything else I've ever studied."

Dr. Risch said the FDA is a very strange organization that has a history of not making science-based, rational based decisions about its approvals. "This was started, and most noticeably in 1987, when people with AIDS in New York City were dying of what is called pneumocystis pneumonia, PCP, and the clinical experience then had been amassed. A large number of cases who were prevented from dying by use of the antibiotic, Bactrim. This is even then was a generic medication and cheap."

Below is a video of the interview.

Below is a part of the transcript from the interview.

LEVIN: *Dr. Harvey Risch, let's focus in on the F.D.A. The F.D.A. is a huge bureaucracy. It's almost a dinosaur. Things are slowed down, they're chewed up. The President has made efforts to speed up certain types of lifesaving drugs for people who are in extremis. I feel like that's what's happening to this drug. It's being chewed up by the F.D.A. What do you make of this?*

RISCH: *So the F.D.A. is a very strange organization that has a history of not making science based rational based decisions about its approvals.*

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And activists obtained a meeting with Dr. Fauci and 15 of his selected scientists at F.D.A., at N.I.H. and asked Dr. Fauci just to make guidelines to physicians that they consider using Bactrim to treat preventively AIDS people so that they wouldn't die of this pneumonia. Dr. Fauci refused.

He said, I want randomized, controlled, blinded, controlled trial evidence. That's my gold standard. That or nothing. The activists left. The N.I.H. did not fund any randomized trials. They raised money themselves from their own AIDS patients to collect the data to do a randomized trial.

It took them two years. They came back to Dr. Fauci.

During those two years, the F.D.A. approved AZT as a treatment for AIDS, AZT works, but not completely. It needs other medications as well. And during the two years that it took them to get this data to come back to Dr. Fauci to support using Bactrim, 17,000 people with AIDS died because of Dr. Fauci's insistence on not allowing even a statement supporting consideration of the use.

This has gone on before. Now, we have Dr. Fauci denying that any evidence exists of benefit, and that's pervaded the F.D.A. The F.D.A. has relied on Dr. Fauci and his N.I.H. advisory groups to make a statement saying that there is no benefit of using hydroxychloroquine in outpatients.

And this is counter to the facts of the case. The evidence is overwhelming.

The F.D.A. has also said that there is the harm of using these medications in outpatients overweighs the benefit; and in fact, they've said this with no information, no evidence whatsoever of any harm in outpatient use, and this is provable both by the fact that the F.D.A.'s webpage says as a warning against outpatient use, but says it relies on inpatient hospital data, which means they don't have any outpatient data.

As well as the fact that 90 percent of the cases of COVID this year have occurred since the time that the F.D.A. restricted usage to inpatients only. So the F.D.A. knows that it has no data for outpatients and no data on harm and yet, it denied the Henry Ford petition for outpatient usage.

Dr. Fauci and the F.D.A. are doing the same thing that was done in 1987 and that's led to the deaths of hundreds of thousands of Americans who could have been saved by usage of this drug.

And this is the same thing that the F.D.A. has done. It's outrageous. People need to be writing or calling their congressmen and senators and complaining that this is not the way the country should work. That a bureaucracy that's in bed with other forces that are causing them to make decisions that are not based on the science that is killing Americans is not acceptable.
