

SUBMISSION TO THE THERAPEUTIC GOODS ADMINISTRATION

My daughter lost her life because of the failure of her GP to warn her of the dangerous possible side effects of Zoloft, that include akathisia, suicidal ideation and self-harm. The dispensing pharmacist also failed to provide a product information sheet with her prescription. A warning on the packet of Zoloft as an additional safety measure about these dangerous side effects would undoubtedly have saved her life. The Food and Drug Administration of the United States of America has instructed Manufacturers to place a black box warning, their highest level, on all packets of SSRI antidepressants for over 10 years because many research studies have identified this as a significant problem and, at present, medical practitioners are not able to determine which patients will suffer these dangerous side effects. No one in my daughter's family had any idea there was a prescription medical that could have possible side effects of akathisia, suicidal ideation and self-harm.