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From 1990, the harms of medicines began to vanish. Medical Journals stopped taking reports of harms. RCT data became inaccessible. Medical meetings stopped mentioning harms. This was part of a pharmaceuticalization of medicine that transformed the traditional understanding of medicines as poisons to be used with care, with an important part of the magic of medicine lying in the ability to bring good out of the use of a poison, into fertilizers to be used indiscriminately.

The consequences of this can be seen most dramatically in the case of childrens' mental health where antidepressants are now among the most commonly prescribed drugs although every single RCT done on these drugs is negative and there is an excess of suicidal and violent acts in those on active treatment compared to placebo.

This talk will present the data behind this claim and invite contributions as to how we can go about solving the problem.