

The Hypocrisy of Allopathy

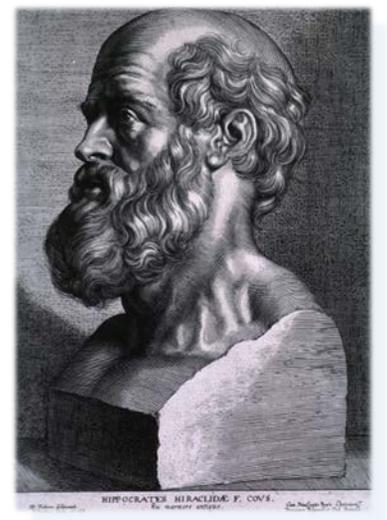
When the
Healing Art
Became the
Business of
Medicine

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Hypocrisy is the claim or pretense of holding beliefs, feelings, standards, qualities, opinions, behaviors, virtues, motivations, or other characteristics that one does not in actual fact hold. It is the practice of engaging in the same behavior or activity for which one criticizes another. In moral psychology, it is the failure to follow one's own expressed moral rules and principles.

From Wikipedia



Hippocrates 460BC - 370BC

"First do no harm"

It is a popular misconception that the phrase "First do no harm" is a part of the Hippocratic oath¹. In fact, the phrase is believed to have originated with the 19th-century surgeon Thomas Inman. While the ideals of Hippocrates are still very much what the public envisions and expects, the "business" of western medicine has unfortunately come to better represent what is more often delivered. The trust and moral guidelines which define modern medicine may not be as well deserved as we hope. Allopathy as we know it today has wavered far from its ancient altruistic origins, but what has evolved, at least in western medicine has too often become a business with the focus being on the financial interests rather than the original healing art.

Before we go further, it must be explained that this exposé does not intend to attack or blame anyone. That will be left to the readers for their own assessments. This short article only attempts to present the facts and events of history that brought us to where we are today. The insight the reader gleans from this should likely allow them able to better make better informed decisions about their own personal health choices and directions now and on into the future.

Evolution of Medicine

Like any science or technology, medicine and health care naturally evolved over time. Mistakes have always been made in the past, they will continue to be made in the future. We hopefully learn from the mistakes, examine what works, and incorporate that which works best into our personal future plans and strategies.

From magician to witch-doctor to enlightened shaman to family practitioner to surgeon ...we have watched an evolution. Their science and technology has evolved, but when one examines that evolution of science and technology, we should keep in mind and continually ask, "WHO is best being served?" What happens when that evolution is interfered with or redirected? We would suggest that it might have affected what we see today!



¹ Original version of the Hippocratic Oath:

I swear by Apollo the physician, and Aesculapius the surgeon, likewise Hygeia and Panacea, and call all the gods and goddesses to witness, that I will observe and keep this underwritten oath, to the utmost of my power and judgment.

I will reverence my master who taught me the art. Equally with my parents, will I allow him things necessary for his support, and will consider his sons as brothers. I will teach them my art without reward or agreement; and I will impart all my acquirements, instructions, and whatever I know, to my master's children, as to my own; and likewise to all my pupils, who shall bind and tie themselves by a professional oath, but to none else.

With regard to healing the sick, I will devise and order for them the best diet, according to my judgment and means; and I will take care that they suffer no hurt or damage.

Nor shall any man's entreaty prevail upon me to administer poison to anyone; neither will I counsel any man to do so. Moreover, I will get no sort of medicine to any pregnant woman, with a view to destroy the child.

Further, I will comport myself and use my knowledge in a godly manner.

I will not cut for the stone, but will commit that affair entirely to the surgeons.

Whatsoever house I may enter, my visit shall be for the convenience and advantage of the patient; and I will willingly refrain from doing any injury or wrong from falsehood, and (in an especial manner) from acts of an amorous nature, whatever may be the rank of those who it may be my duty to cure, whether mistress or servant, bond or free.

Whatever, in the course of my practice, I may see or hear (even when not invited), whatever I may happen to obtain knowledge of, if it be not proper to repeat it, I will keep sacred and secret within my own breast.

If I faithfully observe this oath, may I thrive and prosper in my fortune and profession, and live in the estimation of posterity; or on breach thereof, may the reverse be my fate!

Pharmaceutical Emergence

The history of the pharmaceutical industry includes an interesting origins tale. However, once light has been shed on the beginnings of this giant industry, it is all the more simple to understand how it has arrived at its current condition.



Today's methods and routines to be strictly followed by allopathic practitioners may actually conflict with the expressed ideals of the Hippocratic Oath taken by doctors once they receive license and are then able to begin practicing their form of medicine.

It is interesting to consider that the results provided through many of these contemporary treatments are potentially more harmful than the symptoms one may have originally sought medical help for. When applied to the Hippocratic Oath, these practices seem to fall very short of maintaining such ideals as expressed within it.

Note: The modern pharmaceutical industry traces its origin to two sources: apothecaries that moved into wholesale production of drugs such as morphine, quinine, and strychnine in the middle of the 19th century and dye and chemical companies that established research labs and discovered medical applications for their products starting in the 1880s.²

John D. Rockefeller - the Industrialist

In the late 1800s, John Rockefeller became one of the world's wealthiest tycoons of the industrial age, largely from his monopolization of the oil industry via his Standard Oil Company. We will come to learn how this wealth and manipulated events came to intentionally alter the face of medicine and health care on a global scale.

Rockefeller's Personal Medicine

Probably no single person had more impact on western medicine as we know it than did John D. Rockefeller. Rockefeller was reported to have been one of homeopathy's most prominent advocates, himself preferring homeopathic treatment over any other type of medical care. Especially in his later years, he was known to always have his homeopath travel with him. Rockefeller's early homeopath was Myra King Merrick, MD (1825-1899), the first woman doctor in Ohio, who helped establish the Cleveland Homeopathic Hospital College for Women in 1867. Dr. Merrick's specialty was obstetrics, and it was she who delivered John D. Rockefeller, Jr. At some point in the 1890s, Hamilton Fiske Biggar, MD (1839-1926) became Rockefeller's "new" homeopath.³ At the end of his life in 1937, his attending practitioner was homeopathic physician, Dr. H.L. Merryday.⁴ (We will revisit the irony of these facts later in the article.)



The Oil / Pharmaceutical Connection and the Rise of "Big Pharma"

By the very early years of the 20th century, John Rockefeller's Standard Oil empire had become the first and largest multinational corporation totally dominating the oil products market worldwide.

In 1911, the U.S. Supreme Court would order that Rockefeller dismantle and breakup of his Standard Oil Company revealing that the Trust participated in gross corruption, illegal business practices, and racketeering. The ruling would cause little worry for him. The breakup into 33 separate companies would actually confirm his position as the richest man in the world.

² Emergence of Pharmaceutical Science and Industry: 1870-1930 Chemical & Engineering News, <http://pubs.acs.org/cen/coverstory/83/8325/8325emergence.html>

³ Dana Ullman, *The Homeopathic Revolution*, (North Atlantic Books, 2007), p34-40.

⁴ Making a Killing from Cancer, <http://thefreedomagenda.wordpress.com/2014/03/22/making-a-killing-from-cancer/>

Knowing the way the courts would likely find as well as public mindset and outrage, he had already strategically planned large diversification in the then new pharmaceutical world which he would soon also control and manipulate just as he had the oil industry. He wanted to assure a captive market for his new investments.



To divert from a negative public and an immoral political image because of his malicious business practices, he used his oil gains to establish the Rockefeller Foundation in the name of “philanthropy”. His investments in the new pharmaceutical industry that he was targeting with the Foundation had set up a security net for his wealth and would also set up avenues directed toward a new hidden monopoly over the American and global medical systems.

John Rockefeller first began his seeming humanitarian endeavor with the help of Baptist pastor Fred Gates, who had left his ministry to fill the role as secretary of the American Baptist Education Society. Shortly after the two were acquainted, under Gates’ suggestion, Rockefeller donated \$600,000 to the Baptist-based University of Chicago Medical Center, and the wheels of the pharmaceutical industry began turning forward.⁵

Early American Medicine

During its beginning stages, the North American medical system in the early 1900’s had many negative issues that urgently needed addressing. Likely the most important obstacle to Rockefellers pharmaceutical diversification plan was that the prevailing current medicine of the day was not pharmaceutical based but rather homeopathic, (as were ALL of his personal doctors).

Low standard requisites for medical school entry and poorly trained physicians were generating great problems for the growing industry. John Rockefeller however, could and would provide the money needed to recognize and correct these issues but most importantly, redirect focus toward his new industry that would forever change the art of healing.

To best construct a captive audience, it was likely and logically determined the best place to begin was within the educational system. The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching was formed to carry out the needed evaluations, and what we will probably agree were “pre-determined” assessments.

⁵ *The Rockefellers, The Flexner Report, The AMA, and their Effect on Alternative Nutritional (botanical) Medicine* <http://hemphealer.wordpress.com/2012/03/01/the-rockefellers-the-flexnor-report-the-ama-and-their-effect-on-alternative-nutritional-botanical-medicine/>

William Rockefeller (aka Dr. William Levingston)



It would be tremendously advantageous to mention now a short background about John Rockefeller’s father, William “Big Bill” Rockefeller. Big Bill was a scam artist and itinerant swindler. He spent much of his time in the 1830s traveling through New York pitching bogus healing concoctions as a snake oil salesman. Historian Mary Louise Pierson, a fifth-generation Rockefeller, even mentioned, “One of the potions [William] sold had crude oil in it.” It would appear that petroleum was flowing into Rockefeller history even before the institution of the Standard Oil Company. William, or “Devil Bill” as many dubbed him, is even known for once saying that, “I cheat my boys every chance I can. I want to make ‘em sharp.” Now it seems clearer that John Rockefeller came upon his dishonesty honestly, and that his father would feel pleased at the cunning of his son’s future business trades. And so with these influences that John Rockefeller had grown subject to, he set forth as an industrious entrepreneur we are discovering today.

Agents of Change

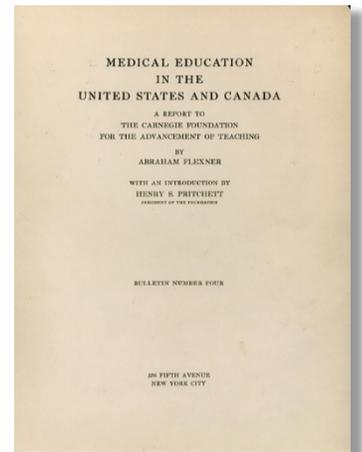
Rockefeller and Carnegie calculated their moves well before providing the needed finances and sending in one of their very own staff members. The man strategically charged with the task to conduct the educational surveys was Abraham Flexner, who was on staff for the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. Coincidentally, his brother, Simon Flexner, was on the board of the Rockefeller Institute of Medical Research.⁶ Abraham Flexner was educated at Johns Hopkins University, where he received a German-style research education which was grounded in intensive laboratory work and the active pursuit of scientific experimentation.⁹



Flexner's science-driven education helped him to develop a strong reservation (if not outright prejudice) toward the value of many holistic and alternative forms of treatment. He also believed that methods such as naturopathy, traditional homeopathy, osteopathic medicine, and eclectic therapies presented a challenge to growing forms of scientific treatments within the medical marketplace.¹⁰ However, Flexner doubted their effectiveness and labeled these "nonconformist" techniques as "charlatanism" and "quackery". He openly admitted wanting to "antagonize" these routines in an effort to weed them from the community of conventional medicine through the publication of his report⁷ - although integrative medical schools were not the only ones to be severely critiqued. He visited the 155 medical schools in North America and reported generally as follows: "Each day, students were subjected to interminable lectures and recitations...If fortunate enough to gain entrance to a hospital, they observed more than participated."⁸ When describing the general class environments, he included that, "a hall could be cheaply rented and rude benches were inexpensive. Janitor service was unknown and is even now relatively rare...A school that began in October would graduate a class the next spring."⁹

The Flexner Effect

At the conclusion of Flexner's tour, he returned to the Carnegie Foundation with what is now known as The Flexner Report of 1910. The harsh criticism of the report caused many American medical schools to close or merge with others. It was also suggested through the report that medical schools should be attached to universities and that all proprietary schools should be closed down. Schools that taught methods of homeopathy, electromagnetic field therapy, naturopathy, etc. were demanded to drop these courses or lose their accreditation and underwriting support. Few of these complementary and alternative schools resisted. It was only a matter of time before all had either complied with the new recommendations or closed their doors. Holistic practices were effectively removed from the view of the public with the shutting down of complimentary alternative medical schools due to the well-strategized marketing of Rockefeller and his associates. The Flexner Report became the fast-moving vehicle that would drive Rockefeller's interests into the sphere of medicine.



It is also very important to note that at this time in history, vitamins and their more wholesome therapeutic benefits were first being recognized. However, treatments using these commonly available natural resources and routines would

⁶ Stahnisch, Frank W., and Marja Verhoef. "The Flexner Report of 1910 and Its Impact on Complementary and Alternative Medicine and Psychiatry in North America in the 20th Century." *Evidence-Based Complementary and Alternative Medicine* 2012 (2012): n. pag. Web.

⁷ T. N. Bonner, *Iconoclast: Abraham Flexner and a Life in Learning*, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md, USA, 2002.

⁸ Raffel MN, Raffel NK. *The US Health System: origins and functions*. 4th ed. Albany, NY: Delmar Publishers; 1994:11.

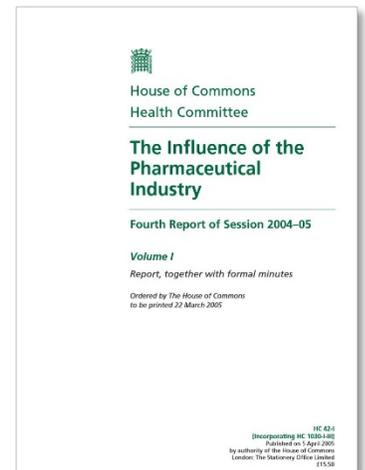
⁹ Flexner, Abraham (1910), *Medical Education in the United States and Canada: A Report to the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching*, Bulletin No. 4. New York City: The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, p. 7.

prove to be of little profit for the blossoming pharmaceutical industry, as there would be no consistent turn-around for patients to keep paying for controlled and patented prescription medicines. Thus, much research about the benefits of vitamins that first appeared was abandoned and overwhelmed by the pharmaceutical industry's influence.

Rockefeller had donned the guise of "philanthropist" not only to improve his public image, but to use the financial profits he and his associates gained through the company to launch The Rockefeller Foundation. The foundation was essentially used as a front to effectively gain a stranglehold on the medical system, donating funds to the remaining hospitals and medical schools that had agreed to fall in line with the suggested standards of the Flexner Report of 1910. These hospitals and universities would serve as the training and production centers of new patented, synthetic drugs.¹⁰ Soon after establishing the new pharmaceutical industry, in 1918, the Rockefeller Institute became greatly invested in developing serums and vaccines for a new pandemic that was infecting and taking the lives of what has been counted as between 50 to 100 million people: the Spanish Influenza. Were the Institute to provide a solution in a time of such desperate need (which it eventually did), the act would certainly amplify the industry's influence over who people would begin turning to for their health crises. Over the following 15 years, Rockefeller's investments would pour deeper into U.S. medical schools, many hospitals, and also the AMA in order to essentially use them as pawns on a strategically prearranged chess board that would only take the most effective moves toward gaining control over the health care system with pharmaceutical medicines.

The Issues Today

Fast forwarding to the 21st century brings us all now to a point where these influences have employed incredible changes in the many ways people seek therapy and also how they implement these treatments. Patented chemically-based prescription drugs have become the accepted standard for most patients to address their health issues, despite that many pharmaceuticals are made from phenols, acids, anhydrides, alkanolamines, aldehydes, and numbers of other petrochemicals; all which are produced from petroleum feedstocks¹¹. Although the isolated molecules of petroleum and its derivatives may be removed and filtered as much as possible, chemically-blended concoctions still have potential to produce lists of negative side effects that aren't coupled with more wholesome and natural routines. However, the pharmaceutical industry's influence has not allowed for much public broadcasting of holistic treatments.



In an illuminating and terribly concerning report conducted by the British House of Commons, it is shown that the influence of the pharmaceutical industry is far reaching and has created many areas for conflict of interest. Although the report is focused primarily on the industry's influence in the United Kingdom, it indicates that the problem is clearly global and that there is no evidence to suggest "the situation in the UK was worse than in other countries."¹² However, it seems safe to imagine that the industry's "pervasive and persistent" influence elsewhere has equally damaging effects as it has shown to have in the UK. The conclusions of the report are indeed concerning. It mentions:

- The pharmaceutical industry has such influence that it dictates clinical practice and deprives it of much needed independent and constructive critical feedback.
- An ineffective self-regulatory process within the industry has led to many failings. Because of a major lack of transparency, regulators are kept from feedback that would allow them to "check, test and stimulate their policies and performance." Because of the regulatory secrecy within the industry, problems have led to a poor history in the Medicine and Health products Regulatory Agency's (MHRA) ability to recognize drug risks, poor communication and a lack of public trust. This secrecy also

¹⁰ The History of the Pharma-Cartel http://www4.dr-rath-foundation.org/THE_FOUNDATION/history_of_the_pharma_cartel.html

¹¹ Johnston C. Modern medicine and fossil fuel resources. [cited 2008 May 8]. Available from: URL: <http://mysite.verizon.net/vze495hz/id19.html>.

¹² The Influence of the Pharmaceutical Industry. Rep. no. HC 42-I. 4th ed. Vol. 1. N.p.: House of Commons Health Committee, 2005. Print. 2004-05. p. 97.

undermines publication partiality. The close relationships between regulators and companies has greatly reduced quality control and audit.

- Although there are institutions in place to evaluate and provide feedback and quality control such as academic, research, clinical and professional institutions, and also the media and patient groups, the representatives of these interests are only somewhat successful in limiting the industry's influence in their work. This is due to the lack of transparency, limited resources, and a significant dependence on industry funding.
- It also appears that the UK Government and the EU have come to view trade imperatives and health priorities as one in the same. Although the Department of Health's adamant denial of conflict between the two objectives, evidence provided for the report showed otherwise and that the scope for conflict is huge.¹³

These failings within the pharmaceutical industry have led to great consequences such as the unsafe use of drugs and the growing "medicalization of society". Intensive promotional activity – especially around the time that a new drug is released - has led to issues such as the indiscriminate prescribing of drugs such as SSRI antidepressants and COX-2 inhibitors that have been proven to be unsafe and even deadly in some cases. These problems stem from a major lack of proactive and systematic monitoring of drug effects and health outcomes in normal clinical use.

As for the increasing notion of a "pill for every ill" that is progressively continuing this medicalization of society, it seems that eventually everyone will be self-medicating on a regular basis. In the case of antidepressants, this belief that every problem can be fixed with medication appears significantly relevant. Although antidepressants may truly provide relief for many that are suffering from depression, these drugs are still widely prescribed to individuals with only mild symptoms of it; which may only be distress caused by dealing with difficult life circumstances. "Unhappiness is part of the spectrum of human experience, not a medical condition."¹⁴ Although the pharmaceutical industry is not responsible for creating this drug-dependent mindset, it has certainly profited from encouraging it. Some say that because of this, the industry has acted as a "disease-monger" intent on categorizing more and more individuals as "abnormal" who thereby need (drug) treatment. This has led to over-reliance on, and over-use of, medicines and is also problematic because it redirects focus and resources from more significant diseases and health issues.¹⁵

The measure of how greatly the pharmaceutical industry seems to have gained influence over medical treatment, doctors and prescribers, regulatory agencies, government, media, and even the general population is certainly overwhelming and should be better addressed. However, it doesn't take much for patients and individuals concerned with their health to realize that there are options available that are of less risk to their overall health. What it requires is a new mindset and self-application. Clients seeking new forms of treatment can find that more wholesome methods may at times provide results more effective than those of conventional treatments. Through their own discovery then, patients may determine for themselves which methods they would prefer to utilize for their treatments without the voices of the pharmaceutical industry weighing in more heavily on their opinion; chemically-blended pharmaceuticals derived from fossil fuel feedstocks, or naturally organic medicines.

***"People think the FDA is protecting them--it isn't.
What the FDA is doing and what people think it's doing are as different as night and day."***

Dr. Herbert Ley, Commissioner of the FDA, San Francisco Chronicle, January 2, 1970

¹³ *The Influence of the Pharmaceutical Industry*. Rep. no. HC 42-I. 4th ed. Vol. 1. N.p.: House of Commons Health Committee, 2005. Print. 2004-05. p. 99-101.

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We MUST Ask Ourselves...

What has changed over the last century? Not much. Who has changed? Not many. Monopolizing on the health of the public has grown into big business. It seems the façade of concern for public health, or “philanthropy”, has been worn by many of these major pharmaceutical companies which appear to have taken great notes from Mr. Rockefeller and his past associates. Homeopathic medicines were attacked, removed from public view, and then replaced with chemical prescriptions through swift calculating by the industry. However, in today’s progressive era of information-sharing, the influence of the pharmaceutical industry no longer has the same stranglehold on what people can search for when it comes to their personal health care options. There is an abundance of enlightenment to be had by those patients exhausted with ineffective conventional treatments who are seeking new effective forms of health reclamation through healthier means.



The Hypocrisy !

Despite the fact that John Rockefeller instituted so much change in the realm of healing by replacing it with the business of medicine, he maintained a personal preference for homeopathy and natural treatments for himself until the day he reached his deathbed with his homeopathic doctor by his side.¹⁶ Clearly, he was well aware of the negative potentials that could stem from taking the very medicines he was investing in having created. In his book, *Medical Conspiracy in America*, the author, Harvey Bigelsen, argues that the Rockefeller medical empire systematically destroyed alternative forms of medicine whilst bankrolling the development of allopathic medicine. Bigelsen aptly summarizes:

“Homeopathic schools did not use “modern scientific medicine” and did not receive funding from the Rockefeller Foundation and other drug companies, in spite of the fact that “Rockefeller himself had a personal preference for homeopathy and died at the age of 97 with his personal homeopathic physician, Dr. H.L. Merryday of Daytona Beach, in attendance...How ironic that the man who formed the medical industry wouldn’t touch it. To Rockefeller, allopathic medicine was simply a way to take money he made from Standard Oil and use it to make even more money via the pharmaceutical industry. Keeping you sick is big business! Whether most doctors realize it or not, wellness is not, and has never been, the goal of allopathic medicine.”

The Pharmaceutical Industry DOES NOT create CURES, ... they create CU\$TOMER\$¹⁷

A bit ironic, and even hypocritical, some might say.



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¹⁶ Bigelsen, Harvey. *Medical Conspiracy in America*. N.p.: n.p., 2009. Biomedical Medicine Institute. Web.

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