

Re: FDA Calls Crestor Ads 'False and Misleading'

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>>>> On Thu, 23 Dec 2004 17:09:55 -0500, "Mark Probert" <Mark
>>>> Probert@lumbercartel.com> wrote:

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>>>>>> Agreed. There are those who expect perfection from the FDA and all
>>>>>> humankind.

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>>>>> There is a HUMONGOUS continuum between "perfection" and the
>>>>> performance of the FDA, Marla.

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>>> Actually, what we refer to is the fact that people decry how long it
>>> takes

>>> the FDA to get a drug certified. And when those times are shortened,
they

>>> complain that the screening process is not rigorous enough. Those two
>>> qualities are mutually exclusive, yet people desire both.

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>>> The FDA is **just** an organization. The fact that an ideal exists does
not

>>> mean we can achieve it.

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>> Which does not mean that there should be anything less than a maximum
>> effort

>> to achieve it.

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> *Agreed. The issue is simply that the range between "Speed" and
> "Thoroughness" is a continuum, and the correct place on that continuum is
> entirely subjective – depending on whether you're dying from lacking a
> medicine still in testing, or dying from a medicine that got out of
testing*

> *too quickly for your own good. The FDA is a victim of the public's demands
> that it exist at both poles at once.*

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> *Of course that doesn't mean we should not do all within our power to bring
> the two poles closer to one another. It's merely the demand that the FDA
> somehow be two places at once is absurd.*

I like the relationship of speed and thoroughness to the relationship as expressed by Heisenberg's uncertainty principle.