

# Pathologist Holds Psychiatrist Accountable for Anna Nicole Smith's Son's Death

Dr. Cyril Wecht told *CNN's* Larry King that a toxic cocktail of brain depressant drugs killed Daniel Smith

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According to media reports, Dr. Cyril Wecht, the forensic pathologist that performed the second autopsy on 20-year-old Daniel Smith, is "Pointing the finger of blame at the doctor or doctors who prescribed the pills to Smith," and has blasted the doctor(s) who prescribed Daniel the "killer cocktail of anti-depressants and painkillers."

[FB: just when Nancy Grace of CNN could not imagine these drugs which 3/4 of NYC are on could do such a thing. Nobody can quite get it through there heads that drugs are poisons and that doctors in white coats and pills and capsules can just as surely maim and kill as help.]

The *San Francisco Chronicle* has reported that Dr. Wecht spoke with Daniel's psychiatrist, who said that Daniel was prescribed antidepressants just six weeks before his death because he was upset about a girlfriend.

Toxicology reports have now confirmed that Daniel's death was caused by the cumulative effect of three brain depressant drugs found in his system: the antidepressants Zoloft and Lexapro and the painkiller Methadone. Dr. Wecht told *CNN's* Larry King on Wednesday that a doctor would have to be totally negligent to prescribe these three drugs together, and that a person taking even two of them would be in grave danger. "I'm sure that somebody failed to explain this to Daniel," he said. Dr. Wecht described how the drugs work to suppress brain activity, which suppresses the lungs and compromises the heart.

A *Forbes* article reported that Dr. Wecht called this a "'classical' combination of the drugs which had a lethal 'cumulative effect on the central nervous system. Coroners working around the country, we see this in people taking two or three drugs or more,' he said." The question is now being asked: Why was Daniel prescribed these dangerous psychiatric drugs? Will Daniel's psychiatrist be held responsible for the young boy's death, which could easily have been prevented by taking heed of the serious risks of these brain-damaging drugs?

Daniel's case is causing a great deal of controversy because of his mother's notoriety, but this is not an isolated occurrence. Antidepressants have led to so many injuries and deaths that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has had to issue serious warnings on the dangers of these drugs. For example, the FDA warned on July 19, 2006, that Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitor (SSRI) antidepressants, when combined with certain migraine drugs, can cause a life-threatening condition known as "serotonin syndrome," which may result in headaches, dizziness, vomiting, coma and death.

[FB: And yet neurologists and all in the medical profession, to market themselves and such drugs portray all chronic headache--most of them stress or tension headache--as migraine, the better to sell the far more expensive, dangerous migraine drugs--triptans]

Antidepressants can also cause cardiac complications, including heart attack and stroke, as well as nausea, internal bleeding and seizures.