

KNOW YOUR DRUGS



IT COULD BE A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH

Adverse drug reactions are a leading cause of death

WHEN: Saturday November 6, 2021 from 2 to 3:30pm

WHERE: North York Central Library Auditorium, 5120 Yonge St
@ North York Centre subway station, Toronto

WITH: Angela Bischoff, Terence Young and David Carmichael



Angela Bischoff, a survivor of partner-suicide, will be facilitating the discussion. Her partner of 17 years, Tooker Gomberg, died by suicide in 2004, shortly after beginning an antidepressant.



Terence Young lost his 15-year-old daughter, Vanessa, in 2000 when she suffered a heart attack after taking Prepulsid, a prescription drug that was pulled off the U.S. market three days later. As Conservative Member of Parliament for Oakville from 2008 to 2015, he conceived Vanessa's Law: The Protecting Canadians from Unsafe Drugs Act, galvanizing both houses of parliament to get it passed without dissent; it received Royal Assent on November 6, 2014. Vanessa's Law includes fines up to \$5 million a day for persons not complying with the act, and/or jail time up to two years. Those that knowingly and recklessly cause serious risk to human health in contravening the act could face unlimited fines and/or jail time up to five years. Terence Young is Chair, Drug Safety Canada, former MP for Oakville and MPP for north Oakville.



David Carmichael experienced psychosis in 2004, shortly after starting the antidepressant Paxil, and took the life of his 11-year-old son, Ian. He was then charged with first-degree murder, judged not criminally responsible and institutionalized. David manages the Know Your Drugs global awareness campaign as Executive Director of the charitable organization Canadians for Vanessa's Law. Before the discussion, he will be delivering the presentation "PREVENTING ANOTHER OPIOID CRISIS: How Consumers of Prescription Drugs can be Protected from Side Effects that Cause Death, Disability and Dysfunction." This public discussion is the national launch of his cross-Canada tour, which will start with an Eastern Canada regional launch in Halifax, Nova Scotia on November 10.

Event registration is not required. There is plenty of space.

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