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**July 08th 2013: Family Caregivers and Public-Health
Messages about Sexually Transmitted Infections**

Dr. Des Spence is a full-time family physician in Scotland; Julia Belluz, a Canadian journalist focused on healthcare policy. They discuss sexually transmitted infections of main concern in public health, the risks, and how the risks are described by public health authorities and journalists to families, families, family caregivers and family physicians, www.ow.ly/mCZ67. They explain the harmful effects on family relationships of overblown public health information about these infections. They describe how such information is gauged in journalism for newsworthiness, timeliness and trustworthine

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Des Spence

Des Spence is a full-time family physician in Scotland. He's written for the British Medical Journal for 7 years among other publications. He's intent on challenging traditional medical conventions because he believes that medicine has the capacity to do good and also harm. He holds that the western world and America in particular are suffering from the effects of too much medicine, too much surgery, and over-diagnosis of many cancers and mental health conditions, effects often resulting from the pervasive financial interests of 'big pharma' and private medicine. Today everyone is a patient, he says, a perspective promoted by thoughtless health promotion programs, charities, and direct-to-co

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Julia Belluz

Julia Belluz is a Canadian journalist focused on health care and policy. She writes the award-winning blog Science-ish for Maclean's magazine, <http://www.macleans.ca/category/blog-central/science-ish/>, and is currently senior editor at the Medical Post. A graduate of the London School of Economics and Ryerson University's journalism school, she'll be a Knight Science Journalism Fellow at MIT starting fall 2013. Follow her on Twitter @JuliaofToronto

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