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Dear Jeffrey,

I wanted to update you on our placebo initiative at Harvard. I've been asked to start a Harvard-wide Program in Placebo Studies which will be hosted at the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. It will do basic, clinical and social science research as well as scholarly work in placebo studies. We are situated in all the major teaching hospitals at Harvard and have already drawn commitments from over 20 faculty. Anne Harrington will be joining us. We recently published an physiological study of placebo in the New England Journal of Medicine and a theoretical paper in Philosophic Transactions of the Roy Soc B. (I'm attaching fyi). We anticipate making some major breakthroughs in genetic of placebo effects (we're submitting our findings in the next days) and have major studies in the pipeline. We're hoping that this program will establish Placebo Studies as a important component of medical research internationally. Here is our new website:

[REDACTED] Let me know if this is of any interest for you.

Sincerely,

Ted

Ted J. Kaptchuk  
Associate Professor of Medicine  
Harvard Medical School  
Director, Program in Placebo Studies & Therapeutic Encounter  
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On Nov 24, 2010, at 4:55 AM, Jeffrey Epstein wrote:

Ted ,, as you may know, I funded the Placebo work, with AnnHarrington probably fifteen years ago. I was one of the originals on the MBB committee, being best friends with Henry Rososvskly. then sent Ann to China , then more particle physics, dali lama, with Kosslyn.. What is a good time to call?

On Tue, Nov 23, 2010 at 10:46 PM, Kaptchuk, Ted Jack <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Woody, Thank you for the introduction.

Jeffrey, Whenever you'd like to talk....i talk placebo most of the time....tell me.

All my work and the work of my laboratory is about placebo effects and we use a multi-disciplinary approach: basic, clinical and social science and collaborate with the humanities (history, ethics, etc.)

We published in these areas and have some exciting studies in the pipeline.

We can start with a phone call or whatever.

Your call.

best

ted

Ted Kaptchuk  
Associate Professor of Medicine  
Harvard Medical School

On Nov 23, 2010, at 3:44 PM, woodson merrell wrote:

Jeffrey and Ted,

This is an introduction of the two of you to each other. I think you will have a very stimulating, exciting dialogue. I have spoken with each of you about the other.

Jeffrey,

Ted Kaptchuk is a deeply philosophical scientist. Placebo research has been his special interest for a decade (and Chinese Medicine before that--in addition I am sure to many others). He is actually in the process now of setting up a placebo research center at Harvard--where he has been on the faculty for > 10 years, principally affiliated with their Osher Center for Research in Complementary and Alternative Medicine. He wrote a wonderful book, *The Web That Has No Weaver*, about trad Chinese medicine, as the 2nd practitioner to visit China after the thaw in the 70s. He can send you studies, etc. if you would like.

Ted,

Jeffrey is a very successful investor. But the reason I am recommending he talk with you is that he has a brilliant scientific mind, is very interested in research and recently he has taken a keen interest in some far-reaching questions about the implications of the placebo response. (partly stemming out of his surprise that i would believe in and use homeopathy)

I think the two of you will enjoy each other's minds, and possibly come up with some very interesting ideas for future research.

Best,

Woody

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