

Dr. Zoltan Rona's Response to Adam Gibson's Letter to the Editor of Alive

A response to Adam Gibson's Letter to the Editor was submitted to Alive by Dr. Zoltan Rona. Dr. Rona has had a well-respected private medical practice in Toronto for 35 years, is the author or co-author of 12 books on natural medicine and sits on the Editorial Advisory Board of Alive Magazine.

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Dear Editor: Health Canada's Letter in the February 2013 edition of Alive, "Crying Wolf About Natural Health Product Regulations" attacking Shawn Buckley is completely out of line. Health Canada is attempting to hoodwink the public into thinking that they will have no problem with access to natural health products.

This is a bold faced lie.

I have been in practice as a medical doctor specializing in Complementary and Alternative Medicine for nearly 35 years. In 2012, Health Canada stopped the sale of over 60 different supplements that I had been prescribing to my private patients for over 20 years. These natural health products included those manufactured by Thorne Research, Biotics Research, Douglas Laboratories and others.

Nattokinase, a natural blood thinner, from AOR was one of the products removed by Health Canada. In addition, the anti-inflammatory enzyme Serrapeptase (100,000 units) has not been granted an NPN number despite requests that have been placed by several companies repeatedly for over a year.

None of these products has been shown to cause any significant side effects or deaths yet they have been suppressed by Health Canada. My patients now have to resort to highly diluted and inferior products. Either that or they are forced to purchase the exact same supplements freely available in the United States over the Internet at grossly inflated prices.

This country loses millions of dollars each year to the USA for harmless health food store products like nattokinase, DHEA, pregnenolone, progesterone and other hormone creams prohibited for sale by Health Canada.

Shawn Buckley has the evidence and my direct experience as a practicing physician verifies to me that he is one hundred percent correct. Accusations made by Health Canada to the contrary are nothing more than noisy spin control aimed at deflecting the public from the truth.

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