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At NIDA, we believe that a fuller understanding of the science of addiction will encourage adoption of research-based policies and programs to reduce drug addiction and will increase support for scientific research to improve the health of our citizens. Please visit our recently created Web site to access a wealth of resources designed to help physicians recognize, diagnose, and treat drug abuse and addiction: <http://www.nida.nih.gov/medstaff.html>. Together, we can continue to leverage the power of science against this devastating disease that causes so much suffering for individuals, communities, and society at large.