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Dear Dr. Goldstein:

I found your article, "Urine Testing Schedules in Methadone Maintenance Treatment of Heroin Addiction" of great interest, and your analysis of the odds at finding opiates are clearly presented. In our programs we have eschewed urinalyses because we have been unable to find a satisfactory answer to the question: What is to be done with the patient with a urine positive for morphine?

What is your response to a "positive" urine? Is urine testing done for research purposes, or for clinical, or both?

Again, congratulations on a thoughtful article.

Sincerely yours,

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