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Dear Al:

I want to thank you for the reprints that you sent me on the subject of drug addiction. It is strange how the demands of our practice mold our research interests. I found the treatment model presented in the Mount Sinai conference was a fairly logical one, assuming the importance of social factors.

In the last few months, working with the chronically ill at a state institution, I have become increasingly impressed that while the biological features are prominent, and the psychological features exercise some importance, the greatest weight has to be given to the ~~familial~~ family problems. It is these which keep so many of our patients within the institution.

Family

Good luck in your work and my best regards.

Sincerely yours,

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