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WONDERFUL

CLINICAL BACKGROUND

- 31 YRS DIRECTOR OF VA PROGRAM

 - 20,000 OP VISITS/YR

 - 350 IP/YR

 - TEACH Med Students
 Psychiatry
 Family Practice

- 8 YRS DIRECT PRIVATE PROGRAM

 - IP

 - OP

 - Adults & Teens

- CHAIR DSM IV SUD; MEMBER DSM V

MY CONCERN

HOW MERGER AFFECTS:

- TREATMENT
- PREVENTION
- RESEARCH
- TEACHING

KEY QUESTIONS

- **WHERE'S THE BEEF?**
- **HOW DOES CHANGE HELP ME:**
 - **KEEP PEOPLE HEALTHY?**
 - **HELP PATIENTS IMPROVE?**
- **WHAT'S THE DOWNSIDE?**
 - **(AKA: THE IMPACT ON ME/MINE?)**

HOW TO MAKE DECISIONS

- **DATA!**
- **LOGIC**
- **EXPERIENCE**

ALCOHOL: NOT JUST ANOTHER DRUG

✓ LEGAL

✓ PREVALENCE:

- USE
- UNHEALTHY USE
- PROBLEMS
- ABUSE/
DEPENDENCE

✓ AFFECTS MOST:

- SYSTEMS
- MED ILL
- PSYCH ILL

✓ IMPACTS:

- ALL AGES
- BOTH SEXES
- ALL GROUPS

LOGIC/EXPERIENCE I

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- IN THE BEGINNING:
2 INSTITUTES
- MERGER IN ADAMHA
- NOW 2 INSTITUTES

SOCIETIES

- RSA FOR ALCOHOL
- CPDD FOR DRUGS
NEVER MEET TOGETHER
NEVER MERGE

LOGIC/EXPERIENCE II

- **WHERE'S THE BEEF?**

TOO MANY INSTITUTES?

MONEY?

BIGGER IS BETTER?

LOGIC/EXPERIENCE III

EFFECTS ON MY PATIENTS

ASSETS (?)

SAVE \$

↑ EFFICIENCY

↑ IMAGE

LIABILITIES

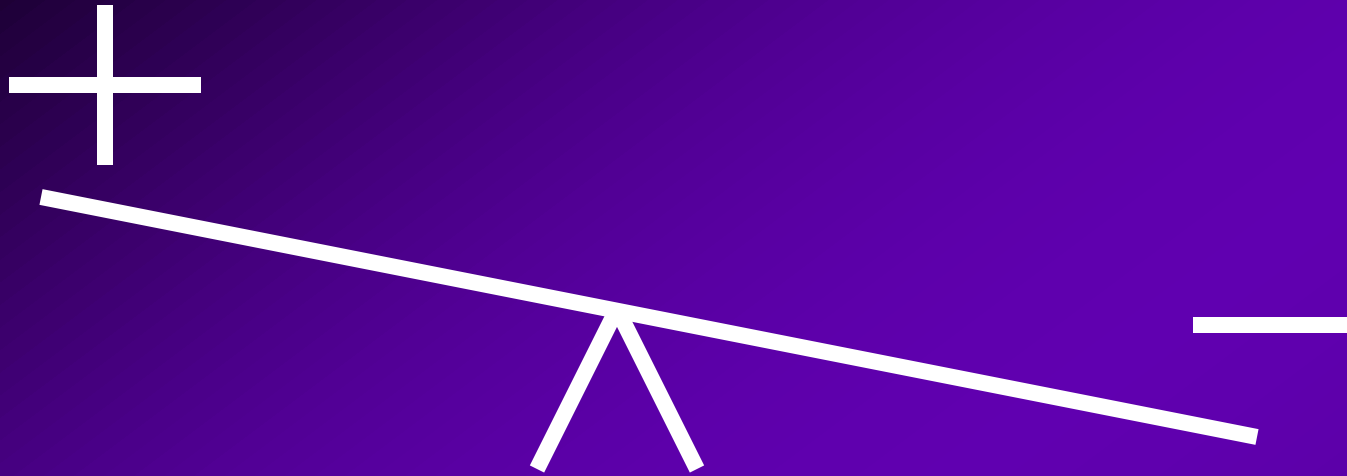
ALCOHOL NOT FOCUS

↓ DATA ON USE/MISUSE

↓ DATA ON BODY SYSTEMS

↓ TEACH HEALTHFUL USE

↑ RELUCTANCE TO ID/GET Rx



MAJOR LOSS

A DEDICATED, FOCUSED INSTITUTE

- **THE MOST PREVALENT**
- **LEGAL**
- **CONTROL OF USE IN MANY**
- **COMPLEX, UNIQUE ISSUES**

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