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Mark Publicker, MD

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Brian Hurley, MD

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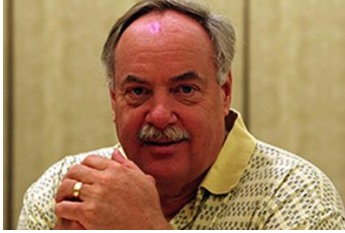
Why Do So Many in Our Field Resist Alternative Forms of Treatment?

Alan Wartenberg, MD

Read this Op-Ed by Dr. Alan Wartenberg, who asks why so many in the addiction field resist alternative forms of treatment. The key to good care, writes Dr. Wartenberg, is being open to all available and appropriate treatment plans. [More](#)



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