Alcoholism Problems, Alcoholism and Spirituality:
An Overview of Measurement and Scales
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This paper presents a brief overview of current interest in the relationship of alcohol and other drug problems, addiction and religiousness/spirituality. Some basic issues involved in this area of assessment and scientific investigation are addressed. Brief reviews of several clinical and research instruments that may prove useful in addiction studies are presented. Providing an overview of measurement issues and potential scales for use in research related to addiction and spirituality is seen as beneficial to interested researchers and treatment providers.

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Breaking the Cycle of Alcohol Problems
Among Native Americans: Culturally-Sensitive
Treatment in the Lakota Community
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This study explores methods of improving the treatment of alcoholism among Native American people by integrating culturally relevant practices into treatment methodology. Primary to the findings of this study are the opinions and experi-
Management of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Treatment by Medical Plans: Michigan Providers' Experience

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We examine how well alcohol and other drug abuse treatment is managed and coordinated in a setting where it is the responsibility of medical plans (a common approach despite the spread of 'carve-outs'). We surveyed a stratified random sample of outpatient alcohol/other drug abuse treatment facilities that treated Michigan Medicaid clients in 1997. Clients were enrolled either with health maintenance organizations (HMOs) or non-capitated primary care gatekeepers. Providers gave medical gatekeepers only average scores for coordination of alcohol and other drug abuse treatment with primary care and with mental health treatment. Few facilities reported ever receiving feedback from HMOs about client satisfaction (29% of facilities) or client outcomes (18%).

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