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REAL DISEASE VS. MENTAL "DISORDER" from the Citizens Commission on Human Rights (\underline{CCHR}) site, at $\underline{http://qoo.ly/t692z}$

Psychiatric disorders are not medical diseases. There are no lab tests, brain scans, X-rays or chemical imbalance tests that can verify any mental disorder is a physical condition. This is not to say that people do not get depressed, or that people can't experience emotional or mental duress, but psychiatry has repackaged these emotions and behaviors as "disease" in order to sell drugs. This is a brilliant marketing campaign, but it is not science.

"...modern psychiatry has yet to convincingly prove the genetic/biologic cause of any single mental illness...Patients [have] been diagnosed with 'chemical imbalances' despite the fact that no test exists to support such a claim, and...there is no real conception of what a correct chemical balance would look like." —Dr. David Kaiser, psychiatrist

"There's no biological imbalance. When people come to me and they say, 'I have a biochemical imbalance,' I say, 'Show me your lab tests.' There are no lab tests. So what's the biochemical imbalance?" —Dr. Ron Leifer, psychiatrist

"All psychiatrists have in common that when they are caught on camera or on microphone, they cower and admit that there are no such things as chemical imbalances/diseases, or examinations or tests for them. What they do in practice, lying in every instance, abrogating [revoking] the informed consent right of every patient and poisoning them in the name of 'treatment' is nothing short of criminal." —Dr. Fred Baughman Jr., Pediatric Neurologist

"Psychiatry makes unproven claims that depression, bipolar illness, anxiety, alcoholism and a host of other disorders are in fact primarily biologic and probably genetic in origin...This kind of faith in science and progress is staggering, not to mention naïve and perhaps delusional." —Dr. David Kaiser, psychiatrist

While "there has been no shortage of alleged biochemical explanations for psychiatric conditions…not one has been proven. Quite the contrary. In every instance where such an imbalance was thought to have been found, it was later proven false." —Dr. Joseph Glenmullen, Harvard Medical School psychiatrist

"The theories are held on to not only because there is nothing else to take their place, but also because they are useful in promoting drug treatment." —Dr. Elliott Valenstein Ph.D., author of Blaming the Brain

"There is no blood or other biological test to ascertain the presence or absence of a mental illness, as there is for most bodily diseases. If such a test were developed...then the condition would cease to be a mental illness and would be classified, instead, as a symptom of a bodily disease." —Dr. Thomas Szasz, Professor Emeritus of Psychiatry, New York University Medical School, Syracuse

"I believe, until the public and psychiatry itself see that DSM labels are not only useless as medical 'diagnoses' but also have the potential to do great harm—particularly when they are used as means to deny individual freedoms, or as weapons by psychiatrists acting as hired guns for the legal system." — Dr. Sydney Walker III, psychiatrist

"No biochemical, neurological, or genetic markers have been found for Attention Deficit Disorder, Oppositional Defiant Disorder, Depression, Schizophrenia, anxiety, compulsive alcohol and drug abuse, overeating, gambling or any other so-called mental illness, disease, or disorder." —Bruce Levine, Ph.D., psychologist and author of Commonsense Rebellion

"Unlike medical diagnoses that convey a probable cause, appropriate treatment and likely prognosis, the disorders listed in DSM-IV are terms arrived at through peer consensus." —Tana Dineen Ph.D., Canadian psychologist