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Of the utmost import is dealing with the underlying conditions of poverty and racism.

Finally there needs to be drastic treatment of the evidence based diagnosis of rampant financial addiction of the medical-industrial complex to the pharmacutical

<pharmaceutical> industry, (as seen in the writings of Dr. Marcia Angell and Dr. Jerome Groodman among others).

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