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Jeff, as a former fellow employee with you at U of A Hospital in Edmonton in the 80's and as a former resident of Ontario, I am e-mailing you to point out that removal of psychology from your hospital and from any hospitals will cost the government more money, it will not save money.

You can expect your health care costs to INCREASE if you remove psychology from your hospital. Provision of psychological services saves 20% from health costs.

Psychological services are proven to be effective in overcoming various health problems, not just mental health problems. Research shows that psychological services reduces suffering, saves time and save money. Psychological factors and human behaviour are at the core of health and health care across the continuum of care. Research shows that psychological services reduce the use of emergency rooms, hospitalization, pharmaceuticals and physician services (system utilization).

Please re-consider your decision to eliminate psychology from St. Michael's Hospital.

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