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Local doctor to work for addiction recovery web site

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Randy Wyatt, a Bay Area psychologist and expert on trauma recovery, mental health and addiction treatment, has joined the web site addicted.com as a treatment professional.

Wyatt, who practices in Oakland and Dublin, will write articles and create tests for users of the site, which is based in Fresno and is designed as a resource for people seeking help with different types of addiction, from drugs and alcohol to gambling, sex and overeating. He will also respond to questions from users of the web site.

The site is meant as "a clearinghouse for people to kick start their recovery," said Paul Williams, a spokesman for the company, which has fewer than a dozen employees right now. The official launch of the web site will be the first week of September, he said, although "hundreds of members" have already signed up, he said.

Users of the site will be able to take tests to find out anonymously whether they are addicts and need to seek help. They will also have access to articles and advice from doctors and treatment specialists, as well as the chance to submit questions to experts like Wyatt and get answers.

Addicted.com was founded by John Shegerian, who is its CEO, and two brothers -- Eric and Christopher Rawn. Shegerian is also the CEO of an electronics recycling business. The founders have funded the web site themselves.

Though the site will not charge for use or access to recovery tools, Williams said, its ultimate goal will be to make money through advertising.

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