

Examples of Language for Stigma Reduction	
Avoid these terms	Use these instead
Addict, user, drug user or abuser, junkie	Person with opioid use disorder, person with opioid addiction, or patient
Addicted baby	Baby born with neonatal abstinence syndrome
Opioid abuse or opioid dependence	Opioid use disorder
Problem	Disease or chronic illness
Habit	Drug addiction
Clean or dirty urine test	Negative or positive urine drug test
Opioid substitution or replacement therapy	Opioid agonist treatment or medication for opioid use disorder
Relapse	Return to use
Treatment failure	Treatment attempt
Being clean	Being in remission
Moral failure	Brain disorder

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