Words Matter: Words to Avoid

- Addict/Junkie/Druggie
- Alcoholic/Drunk
- Drug Problem/Habit
- Drug Abuse/Abuser/Substance Abuse
- · A Clean/Dirty screen
- Former/reformed addict/alcoholic
- Opioid replacement, methadone maintenance
- Relapse/Off the Wagon







Words Matter: Words to Use Person with substance use disorder

- Person with alcohol use disorder
- Substance use disorder
- Drug misuse, harmful use
- Testing negative/positive for substance use
- Person in (long-term) recovery
- Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD)
- Recurrence of Use

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