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Addict	Person with substance use disorder	Person-first language
User	Person with OUD or person with opioid addiction	Change shows that a person <i>has</i> a problem, rather than <i>is</i> the problem
Substance or drug abuse	Patient	Terms to avoid eliciting negative associations, punitive attitudes, and individual blame
Former addict	Person in recovery or long-term recovery	
Reformed addict	Person who previously used drugs	
Habit	Substance use disorder	Inaccurately implied that a person is choosing to use substances
	Drug addiction	It undermines the seriousness of the disease
Opioid substitution replacement therapy	Opioid agonists therapy	It is a misconception that medications merely <i>substitute</i> one drug or <i>one addiction</i> for another
Medication-assisted treatment (MAT)	Medication for treatment of OUD	
	Pharmacotherapy	
	Medication for OUD (MOUD)	



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