

## Language

Instead of:	Try:
Addict	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Person with Substance Use Disorder</li> <li>• Person seeking recovery</li> <li>• Person in recovery</li> <li>• Person in long-term recovery</li> </ul>
Clean	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Negative (in reference to a drug screen test)</li> <li>• Substance-free</li> <li>• Abstinent (in reference to what a person is when they are not participating in substance use)</li> </ul>
Dirty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Positive (in reference to drug screen test)</li> <li>• Actively using substances</li> </ul>
Noncompliant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not in agreement with treatment plan</li> <li>• Difficulties following treatment recommendations</li> </ul>
Manipulative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seeking alternative methods of meeting needs</li> </ul>
Resisted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disagreed with the suggestion</li> <li>• Choose not to XXX</li> </ul>
Relapse Slip Lapse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resumed use</li> <li>• Experienced a recurrence of symptoms</li> </ul>
Addicted to X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has an X use disorder</li> <li>• Has substance X use disorders (if more than one substance is involved)</li> </ul>
Alcoholic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Person with an alcohol use disorder</li> <li>• Person with an alcohol use disorder</li> </ul>
Addiction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Substance Use Disorder</li> <li>• Note: “Addiction” is appropriate when quoting findings or research. “Addiction” is appropriate when speaking of the disease process that leads to someone developing a substance use disorder that includes compulsive use (for example, “the field of addiction medicine” and “the science of addiction”). It is appropriate to refer to scheduled drugs as “addictive”.</li> </ul>
Alcoholic Anonymous/Narcotics Anonymous	<p>Note: When using these terms, take care to avoid divulging an individual’s participation in a named 12-step program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mutual help</li> <li>• Self-help</li> </ul>
Drug Habit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Substance use disorder</li> <li>• Compulsive or regular substance use</li> </ul>
Drug/Substance Abuser	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Person with a substance use disorder</li> <li>• Person who uses drugs (if not qualified as a disorder)</li> <li>• “Drug/Substance Abuser” can be replaced with “Substance Use Disorder”</li> </ul>
Former/reformed Addict/Alcoholic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Person in recovery</li> <li>• Person in long-term recovery</li> </ul>
Opioid Replacement or Methadone Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medication assisted treatment</li> <li>• Medication assisted recovery</li> </ul>
Recreational, Casual, or Experimental Users	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• People who use drugs for non-medical reasons</li> <li>• People starting to use drugs</li> <li>• Initiates</li> </ul>

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