

RECOVERY DIALECTS



Words matter! Help reduce stigma and discrimination towards substance use and recovery by choosing the correct language and labels depending on the setting you are in.

	SUPPORT MEETING	IN PUBLIC	WITH CLIENTS	MEDICAL SETTINGS	NEWS / MEDIA
Addict	✓	—	—	—	—
Alcoholic	✓	—	—	—	—
Substance Abuser	—	—	—	—	—
Opioid Addict	✓	—	—	—	—
Relapse	✓	—	—	—	—
Medication-Assisted Treatment	—	—	—	—	—
Medication for Addiction Treatment	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Person w/ a Substance Use Disorder	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Person w/ an Alcohol Use Disorder	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Person w/ an Opioid Use Disorder	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Long-term Recovery	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pharmacotherapy	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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