

OUR WORDS MATTER

TRY THIS	NOT THAT
Person with a substance use disorder	Addict, druggie, IVDA, substance abuse/abuser
Positive/negative drug screen	Dirty/clean drug screen
Return to use, recurrence	Relapsed
Not tolerating treatment, declined treatment at this time	Refused treatment
Treatment failed the patient	Patient failed treatment
Patient with complex health issues	Frequent flyer
Patient with diabetes, sickle cell disease, schizophrenia, ESRD, PAD, asthma	Diabetic, sickler, schizophrenic, dialysis player, vasculopath, asthmatic
Difficulty taking meds due to...	Compliant/non-compliant
Person who has been incarcerated	Inmate, felon, convict
Opioid	Narcotic