What We Say and Do Matters for Patients with Substance Use Disorders

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What We Say and Do Matters
for Patients with Opioid Use Disorder

Medications help patients recover and live full lives.
Don’t let misperceptions get in the way.

Learn more about methadone, buprenorphine (also called Suboxone or Subutex), and injectable extended-release naltrexone (also called Vivitrol).

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Get the Facts:
- Medications for treatment of opioid use disorder work
- Johns Hopkins Medicine has new resources to support patient care

Reduce Stigma:
- Take the Words Matter Pledge
- Our words can change a patient’s life

DO NOT USE
- Addict
- Substance abuse

DO USE
- Person with a substance use disorder
- Substance use

Learn more about medications for opioid use disorder and take the pledge at hopkinsmedicine.org/wordsmatter
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This issue resonates with me personally because I have had loved ones, friends and colleagues face challenges due to this potentially fatal disease.

—Renee Blanding, M.D.

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“I’ve seen both personally and professionally the effects substance use disorder can have on the patient and their families. —Peter Hill, M.D.

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