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“This review indicates that negative attitudes of health professionals towards patients with substance use disorders are common and contribute to suboptimal healthcare for these patients.”

“In experimental research, the word “abuser” was found to increase stigma, which can affect quality of care and act as a barrier to treatment seeking in individuals suffering from addiction. Instead, many have recommended the use of terms that reflect a disorder (e.g., “substance use disorder”) and use of “person first” language.”