

# Stop the Stigma: Eliminating Stigmatizing Language Fact Sheet

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Eliminating Stigmatizing Language	
Non-hurtful Replacement Language	
Key Terms suggested by the Stop TB Partnership	
Use this....	Not that....
Adherence / Non-adherence	Compliance / Non-compliance
Person lost to follow up	Defaulter
TB Prevention and Care	TB Control
Person to be evaluated for TB	TB Suspect
HIV-Positive	HIV-infected
HNIC Survey Results	
Language suggested by participants	
Use this....	Not that....
TB infection	Latent TB
Lack of housing, Under housed, People experiencing homelessness	Homeless/homelessness
Immigrant	Alien
Undocumented	Illegal; Illegal alien
Person with TB disease	TB case
Treatment failed	Treatment failure
Mixed doses/Non-adherent	Delinquent
Contact Analysis, Contact Elicitation, Contact Identification	Investigations; Investigate
Exposed to TB	TB contact
Tuberculosis	Consumption; White Plague

Stigmatizing language and suggested replacements was identified by an HNIC survey requesting providers to identify language that they personally experienced or witnessed. \*\*This list is non-inclusive.

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## Abstract:

This quick reference tool provides suggestions for replacing stigmatizing language with non-hurtful words and phrases.

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