

Communication about harm reduction with patients who have opioid use disorder.

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[Harm reduction](#) strategies can optimize the safety of people with [opioid use disorder](#) (OUD). This article offers a communication framework based on the Relationship: Establishment, Development, and Engagement model. Providers are encouraged to use active listening, non-stigmatizing language, and shared decision-making to promote open communication with patients with OUD. The accompanying editorial describes harm reduction strategies providers can offer, including [overdose prevention](#), safer supply, and safer injection strategies.