



CLINICIAN POCKETGUIDE: Using Person-first Language

DO

Neutral, free of stigma, and based on facts
Strength-based, encourage what is working
Respectful and inclusive
Collaborative
Person-centered

DO NOT

Refer to patients as “diabetics”
Describe patients as “noncompliant”
Blame patients for their health condition



“Patient living with T2D”



Person before the disease

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