



Reflections on Concrete Next Steps

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We sit on the shoulders of giants who risk everything to provide radical love to their fellow human



"Do No Harm"











Research Next Steps

Centered on the acute needs of people who use drugs

Includes the entire spectrum of harm reduction

Leverage existing infrastructures and workforce





Concrete Next Steps for Research Agenda

 Evaluating the integration of comprehensive harm reduction services for PWUD into all health settings

Evaluating ways to successfully decentralize care to non-specialty workforce

• Examining the role of task shifting incorporating community health workers and people with lived/living experience

