

“Respectful and Effective Communication with Patients Burdened with the Disease of Addiction - Living In Truth”

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“Living in Truth”

- ❖ Holding secrets
- ❖ Openness to others and with others
- ❖ Forgiving yourself and others
- ❖ Learning from mistakes
- ❖ Living life
- ❖ Spirituality
- ❖ Living in your body

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- ❖ Question motivation
- ❖ Proactive vs. Reactive
- ❖ Acceptance and ownership
 - ❖ HIV
 - ❖ HCV
 - ❖ Mental health
 - ❖ Addiction
- ❖ Acquisition of knowledge

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HIV

- ❖ Who knows?
- ❖ Attribution of meaning
- ❖ Self-blame
- ❖ Alliance with medication
- ❖ Collaboration with healthcare providers
- ❖ Long-term survivor

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HCV

- ❖ Who knows?
- ❖ Acceptance of addiction as a disease
- ❖ Mental health care
- ❖ Medication

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Mental Health

- ❖ No shame
- ❖ Expected but still treat
- ❖ Medication and recovery
- ❖ Provider compatibility
- ❖ Untreated undermines

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Addiction

- ❖ Disease model
- ❖ Relapse and recovery
- ❖ Umbrella
- ❖ Transference of Addiction

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Living with a life-threatening illness

- ❖ Unique gift
- ❖ You are not your disease
- ❖ Preserving your life
- ❖ Legacy left