

**Table 3: Recommended Terminology for Describing Caregivers**

Caregiving role	Preferred term	Terms to avoid*
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Care provided because of a personal relationship, usually family, sometimes friends or neighbors</li><li>• Care provided because of a financial relationship, including home health aides, nursing assistants, and registered nurses</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Family caregiver, family / friend caregiver, or unpaid caregiver</li><li>• Healthcare professional, paid caregiver, home care worker, professional home care worker, care provider</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Informal caregiver</li><li>• Formal caregiver</li></ul>

Source: Stall et al. 2009.

\* Use of the term "professional caregiver" is also discouraged.