

WHAT IS NALOXONE?



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- ▶ Naloxone is a medication approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to prevent overdose by opioids such as heroin, morphine, and oxycodone.
- ▶ Naloxone blocks opioid receptor sites and reverses the toxic effects of an overdose.



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- ▶ Naloxone should be administered when a patient is showing signs of opioid overdose.
- ▶ Pregnant women can be safely given naloxone in limited doses under the supervision of a doctor.



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- ▶ Naloxone is NOT effective in treating overdoses of benzodiazepines, barbiturates, clonidine, GBH, ketamine, stimulant overdoses (cocaine and amphetamines, including methamphetamine and MDMA).
- ▶ If opioids are taken in combination with sedatives or stimulants, using Naloxone may be helpful in reversing an overdose.



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- ▶ If an overdose of fentanyl is suspected, Naloxone should be used.
- ▶ However, due to the increased potency of fentanyl and fentanyl-analogs compared to that of heroin, a higher dose of Naloxone may be needed to reverse the overdose and induced respiratory depression.



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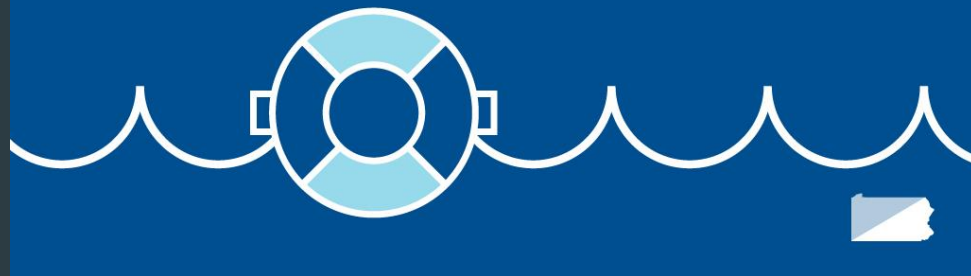
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CANDIDATES FOR NALOXONE

Candidates for naloxone are those who:

- ▶ Take high doses of opioids for long-term management of chronic pain
- ▶ Receive rotating opioid medication treatments
- ▶ Have been discharged from emergency medical care following opioid poisoning or intoxication
- ▶ Take certain extended-release or long-acting opioid medications
- ▶ Are completing mandatory opioid detoxification or abstinence programs

Naloxone saves lives.



STORING NALOXONE

Storage of Naloxone:

- ▶ Store naloxone in a safe and quickly accessible place at room temperature and protected from light.
- ▶ Keep all medicine in a safe place where children or pets cannot reach it.
- ▶ For more information on Naloxone, visit:

<https://www.fda.gov/drugs/postmarket-drug-safety-information-patients-and-providers/information-about-naloxone>

How to Give **Naloxone Nasal Spray**

If you suspect an opioid overdose:

1 CALL 911



2 LAY PERSON ON BACK
Support neck and tilt head back



3 GIVE NALOXONE

PEEL the package open and hold the device. Do not press until ready to give naloxone.



PLACE the tip in the nostril



PRESS firmly



Naloxone is for the nose. It works, even if the person is not breathing.

4 PUT PERSON IN RECOVERY POSITION

Hand supports head
Knee stops body from rolling onto stomach



5 MONITOR

Give a second dose in **5 minutes** if they don't wake up or aren't breathing properly.



Use a new spray every time.

Ask your pharmacist for naloxone



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For more information visit
www.pharmacists.ca/naloxone



Remember to check the product's expiry date regularly.

NARCAN[®] (naloxone HCl) **NASAL SPRAY**

QUICK START GUIDE Opioid Overdose Response Instructions

Use NARCAN[®] (naloxone hydrochloride) Nasal Spray for known or suspected opioid overdose in adults and children.

Important: For use in the nose only.

Do not remove or test the NARCAN Nasal Spray until ready to use.

1 Identify Opioid Overdose and Check for Response

Ask person if he or she is okay and shout name.

Shake shoulders and firmly rub the middle of their chest.

Check for signs of an opioid overdose:

- Will not wake up or respond to your voice or touch
- Breathing is very slow, irregular, or has stopped
- Center part of their eye is very small, sometimes called "pinpoint pupils"

Lay the person on their back to receive a dose of NARCAN Nasal Spray.



2 Give NARCAN Nasal Spray

REMOVE NARCAN Nasal Spray from the box.

Peel back the tab with the circle to open the NARCAN Nasal Spray.

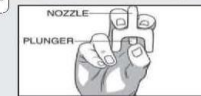
Hold the NARCAN Nasal Spray with your thumb on the bottom of the plunger and your first and middle fingers on either side of the nozzle.

Gently insert the tip of the nozzle into either nostril.

- Tilt the person's head back and provide support under the neck with your hand. Gently insert the tip of the nozzle into **one nostril**, until your fingers on either side of the nozzle are against the bottom of the person's nose.

Press the plunger firmly to give the dose of NARCAN Nasal Spray.

- Remove the NARCAN Nasal Spray from the nostril after giving the dose.



3 Call for emergency medical help, Evaluate, and Support

Get emergency medical help right away.

Move the person on their side (recovery position)

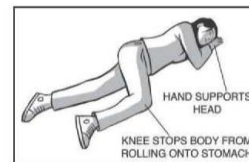
after giving NARCAN Nasal Spray.

Watch the person closely.

If the person does not respond by waking up, to voice or touch, or breathing normally another dose may be given. NARCAN Nasal Spray may be dosed every 2 to 3 minutes, if available.

Repeat Step 2 using a new NARCAN Nasal Spray to give another dose in the other nostril.

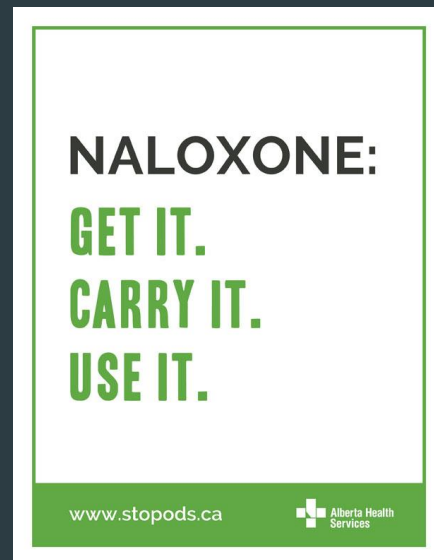
If additional NARCAN Nasal Sprays are available, repeat step 2 every 2 to 3 minutes until the person responds or emergency medical help is received.



HOW TO ADMINISTER NALOXONE

- ▶ Watch this informational video to learn how to safely administer Naloxone:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tGdUFMrCRh4>



For more information on Naloxone and Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT), check out the “Medications” tab under “Resources” in the app!

