

NALOXONE (NARCAN) USE PROTOCOL

Naloxone (Narcan) is a medication that belongs to a class called opioid antagonists. It is used along with emergency medical treatment to reverse the life-threatening effects of known or suspected narcotic overdose in adults and children. Its mechanism of action blocks the effects of opiates and can reverse the major cause of death from opiate overdose, respiratory depression.

The purpose of this protocol is to facilitate the immediate use of Narcan nasal spray 4 mg in the context of known or suspected narcotic overdose.

The signs and symptoms of suspected narcotic overdose may include:

Decreased level of consciousness or no response to verbal or painful stimuli.

Decreased respiratory effort including shallow respirations, snoring or gasping for air.

Cyanosis

Pinpoint pupils

If someone else is available, immediately call EMS. To use the Narcan nasal spray, follow these steps:

1. Leave the person on their back to give the medication
2. Remove the naloxone nasal spray from the box. Peel back the tab to open the spray.
3. Do not prime the nasal spray before using it
4. Hold the naloxone nasal spray with your thumb on the bottom of the plunger and your index and middle fingers on either side of the nozzle.
5. Gently insert the tip of the nozzle into 1 nostril, until your fingers on either side of the nozzle are against the bottom of the person's nose. Provide support to the back of the neck with your hand to allow the head to tilt back.
6. Press the plunger firmly to administer the medication.
7. Remove the nasal spray nozzle from the nostril after giving the medication.
8. Turn the person on their side in the recovery position and call EMS immediately after giving the first Narcan dose.
9. If the person does not respond as evidenced by an increased level of consciousness, you may give another dose. Repeat the above steps.

It should be understood that if the patient is not breathing and does not respond to Narcan administration, or if the patient only has only a partial response to the medication, basic life support including CPR or assistance with the patient's respirations (rescue breathing) may be required.



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

QUICK START GUIDE Opioid Overdose Response Instructions

Use NARCAN Nasal Spray (naloxone hydrochloride) 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 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"

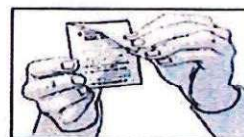
Lay the person on their back to receive a dose of NARCAN Nasal Spray.



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.



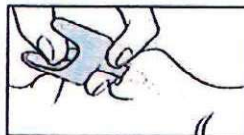
Gently insert the tip of the nozzle into either nostril.

- 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.

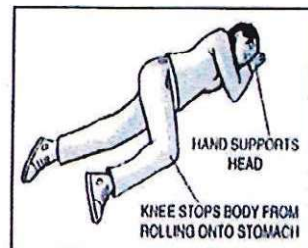


Get emergency medical help right away.

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.



3 Call for emergency medical help, Evaluate, and Support

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.

For more information about NARCAN Nasal Spray, go to www.narcannasalspray.com, or call 1-844-4NARCAN (1-844-462-7226).

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