
For Patients and Caregivers

Naloxone works against natural and synthetic opioid substances such as heroin, opium, codeine, methadone, Dilaudid® (hydromorphone), Percocet® (oxycodone and acetaminophen), Vicodin® or Lortab® (Hydrocodone and acetaminophen), etc.

Naloxone devices should be stored at room temperature and protected from light. Naloxone works in every opioid overdose situation no matter the number of times a person has used it in the past.

When you suspect an overdose, call 911 immediately. Provide clear and concise directions to your location. Never leave a person suspected of overdose unattended. If the person is visibly not breathing, make sure the person's airway is not blocked and then initiate rescue breathing.

In Wyoming, there are good samaritan laws that protect caregivers or bystanders who administer naloxone to anyone suspected of an opioid overdose. This law provides legal protection from any criminal or civil liability for the person providing care to the person experiencing the overdose.

OpiRescue.com is a great resource which walks you through how to handle overdose situations and naloxone administration. It also offers apps that can be downloaded from the Apple and Android stores for your handheld device.

Naloxone FAQ's

What is Naloxone?

Naloxone is a pure opioid blocker that is used to treat opioid-related overdose.

What dosage forms of Naloxone are available?

Injectable

Intranasal

Auto-injector

What is the effect of Naloxone on individuals who are not having an opioid overdose crisis?

Naloxone has effects only on people who are currently experiencing an opioid overdose. It does not work on alcohol or benzodiazepine-related overdoses.

What are some of the cardinal signs and symptoms of an opioid overdose?

Pinpoint pupils	Pale and/or clammy skin
Respiratory depression	Slow breathing
Unconsciousness	Blue lips and/or nails

Who can prescribe Naloxone in Wyoming?

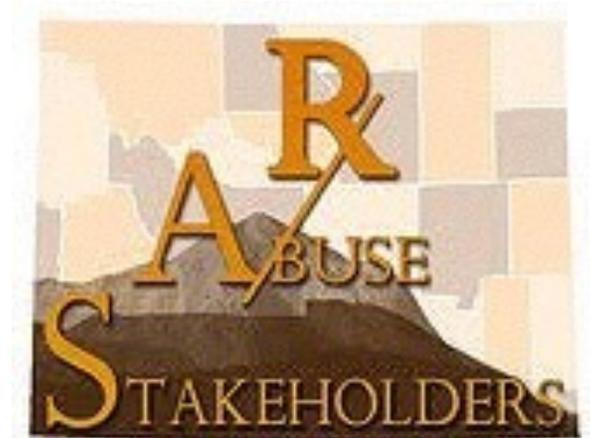
Physicians	Pharmacists
Physician assistants	Nurse practitioners

What can you expect after administering naloxone?

Person may seem disoriented, agitated and angered that they've lost their high

Naloxone (naloxone hydrochloride)

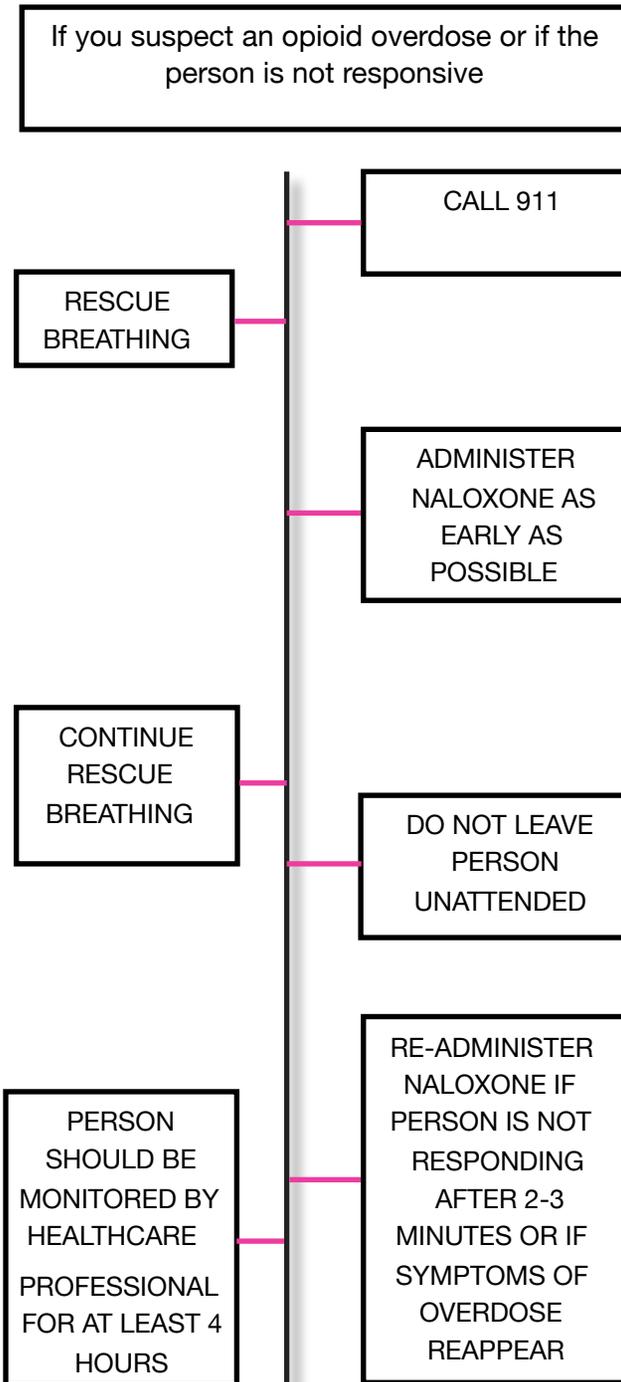
Treating opioid related overdoses



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The Wyoming Rx Abuse Stakeholders (RAS) advocates for the appropriate use of prescription medication by increasing awareness, providing education, and impacting policy amongst the public, health care professionals, and law enforcement in order to prevent the misuse, abuse, and diversion of prescription medications in Wyoming

Naloxone Timeline



Types of Naloxone formulations

Injectable

There are a variety of generics available on the market however professional training is required for people who wish to administer the naloxone. It is typically administered into the person's upper arm or thigh.
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Nasal spray

NARCAN is the pre-filled needle-free nasal spray which can be sprayed into the person's nostril. It does not need to be activated. NARCAN comes in a package that contains a total of 2 doses.
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Auto-injectable

EVZIO is the only pre-filled auto-injectable device available currently. It makes it very easy for families or first responders to rapidly administer the drug in the person's outer thigh. EVZIO provides verbal directions once activated. Each package contains a total of 2 doses.
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Intravenous dose



Nasal spray



Auto-injector

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What can you do to help?

DO's	DONT's
administer naloxone	forcefully shake or slap the person
stay with person and perform rescue breathing if appropriate	inject or administer stimulants
keep the person warm	put person in cold bath
lay them on side if they can breathe on their own	lay them on their back or instigate them to vomit

References and Additional Information

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hdrmreduction.org

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drugabuse.gov

naloxoneinfo.org