



PUBLIC SAFETY INTRANASAL (IN) NALOXONE (NARCAN) TREATMENT FOR SUSPECTED OPIOID OVERDOSE

Purpose/Indication

- Public Safety personnel must be on duty and employed by a Public Safety Agency authorized by YEMSA to administer IN Naloxone.
- Indications (both must apply):
 1. Environment is suspicious for use of opioids, AND
 2. Victim is unconscious or poorly responsive and breathing rate is absent or appears slow (< 6 min).

Direction

Ensure that appropriate Emergency Medical Services (EMS) units have been requested.

- Utilize Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).
- Stimulate victim to determine if the person will awaken.
- Assess breathing status and assist ventilations as appropriate.
- If pulseless, begin chest compressions. If available, apply and activate an AED.
- If no response to stimulation with continued slow/absent breathing, administer Naloxone:

Naloxone 2 mg preloaded syringe

OR

Naloxone Nasal Spray 4 mg preloaded single dose device

- Assemble 2 mg syringe and atomizer
- Administer ½ dose (1 mg) into nostril and ½ dose (1 mg) into the other nostril
- No repeat

- Administer full dose in one nostril
- If the patient does not respond or responds briefly and relapses, administer another dose (device) into the other nostril
- Max 2 doses (devices)

- Observe for improved breathing and increasing level of consciousness.
- If breathing and level of consciousness does not improve, continue to assist ventilations.
- If breathing resumes, place the patient in the recovery position.
- Naloxone usage can illicit sudden agitated behavior or symptoms of opioid withdrawal such as vomiting, abdominal cramps or sweating; be aware and prepared to assist the patient.
- Report administration of Naloxone to the appropriate EMS Provider.
- Complete approved administration form.