NARCAN (NALOXONE)

OPIOID OVERDOSE
WHAT IS FENTANYL

• FENTANYL, HEROIN'S SYNTHETIC COUSIN, IS 50-100 TIMES MORE POTENT THAN MORPHINE
• HEROIN IS BEING SOLD LACED WITH FENTANYL
• FENTANYL IS BEING SOLD UNDER THE GUISE THAT IT IS HEROIN
• LAWS PASSED A FEW YEARS AGO TO ADDRESS MISUSE OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS
HOW NARCAN WORKS

How it works
A prescription nasal spray called naloxone, sold under the name Narcan, can counteract the effects of an overdose of heroin or other opioids. Narcan can also be injected.

An overdose
When receptors in the brain are overwhelmed by an opioid, like heroin, the receptor slows down the body’s ability to breathe.

The reversal
Naloxone has a stronger attraction to the brain’s receptors and displaces the opioids long enough to allow breathing to resume.
NARCAN 4MG DOSES

PERSONNEL WILL BE ISSUED TWO 4MG DOSES OF NARCAN

THIS SPRAY DISPENSES A FINE MIST INTO THE NASAL PASSAGEWAY
WHICH IS THEN ABSORBED DIRECTLY INTO THE BLOODSTREAM

KEEP THE TWO DOSES TOGETHER AND KEEP OUT OF DIRECT SUNLIGHT
OR HIGH HEAT FOR EXTENDED PERIODS BECAUSE IT CAN REDUCE THE
EFFECTIVENESS OF THE DOSE
INDICATIONS OF OPIOID O.D.

PATIENT IS UNRESPONSIVE WITH MINIMAL OR NO RESPIRATIONS
MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE A PULSE/CONSTRICTED PUPILS
LIPS MAY BE BLUE OR GREY AND PATIENT HAS POOR COLOR
PILL BOTTLES, NEEDLES, FAMILY/FRIENDS INDICATE OPIOID USE
DON’T FORGET…

SCENE SAFETY!!
PPE IS ESSENTIAL
START LIFE SAVING MEASURES
ENSURE RESCUE IS RESPONDING
NARCAN USE IS INDICATED

ADMINISTER FULL 4 MG DOSE

IT TAKES 2-5 MINUTES TO BE EFFECTIVE

IF NORMAL BREATHING IS NOT RESTORED AND PARAMEDICS ARE NOT ON SCENE, A SECOND DOSE MAY BE GIVEN
PROPER USE OF NARCAN
PROPER USE OF NARCAN SPRAY

Do not test or prime the Narcan as it will waste the dose. Spray in either nostril and once full dose has been given, continue with rescue breathing and or CPR if indicated.

**Not for use of infants (12 months and younger)**

If patient is breathing, put them in the recovery position.
The effects of Narcan can wear off so continue to monitor the patient and if breathing, put in recovery position.
DOCUMENTATION

If Narcan is used - complete the “Narcan Use Report” SH-R-630 and forward it to the Department Narcan Coordinator at SEB/ESD.

If a SH-AD 49 is written, your use of Narcan should be documented in the report.

Request replacement Narcan and/or CPR kits through the Department Narcan Coordinator.