

Narcan (Naloxone) Administration Protocol

It is the intent of Union County Public Schools to provide assistance to any person(s) who may be suffering from an opioid overdose following proper protocols and procedures. Narcan (Naloxone) is indicated for the emergency treatment of a known or suspected opioid overdose in the setting of respiratory depression or unresponsiveness. This protocol is for the administration of Narcan by the school nurse and/or principal designee(s) that has received Naloxone administration training.

Narcan will be stocked in every Union County Public School. Prescriptions will be provided by the Medical Director at Union County Public Health

INDICATIONS/SYMPTOMS:

1. The person is unconscious and not responding to verbal stimuli.
2. The person does not appear to be breathing, or has poor respirations such as: agonal breathing, loud snoring respirations, occasional gasping breaths, or cyanosis.
3. The person has pinpoint pupils along with respiratory depression or arrest.
4. There is evidence that the person is suffering from an opiate overdose including but not limited to:
 - a) A bystander nearby states the person may have taken an opiate of some kind.
 - b) The person has a known history of opiate abuse.
 - c) There is physical evidence of opiate use, such as prescription bottles or drug paraphernalia nearby.

CONTRAINDICATIONS:

1. Persons with a history of known hypersensitivity to naloxone or any of its components.
2. Persons who are breathing normally or adequately.
3. Persons who are conscious or semi-conscious and responding to verbal stimuli.

ADMINISTRATION:

1. Assess breathing. Proceed to steps of CPR, calling 911.
2. Narcan is administered nasally.
3. Administer 4 mg/0.1ml Narcan (Naloxone).
4. Place device within one nostril.
5. Briskly compress syringe to administer 4 mg.
6. May repeat dose x 1 in other nostril (if available) in 3 minutes if person is still not responding.
7. Continue to monitor for CPR as needed.
8. All persons receiving Narcan (naloxone) will be transported by EMS to the Emergency Department.

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PRECAUTIONS:

The administration of Narcan (naloxone) may result in the rapid onset of the signs and symptoms of opioid withdrawal such as:

1. Agitation and combativeness
2. Tachycardia
3. Flushing
4. Nausea and vomiting
5. Seizures


ACTION STEPS AFTER ADMINISTRATION:

1. Monitor vital signs every 5 to 10 minutes (if School Nurse is Present)
2. EMS will assume responsibility and transport upon arrival.
3. Relay pertinent information to EMS workers (medication and time administered, signs/symptoms, vital signs, emergency procedures instituted).
4. Document occurrence and interventions.
5. Notify principal and contact parent, guardian, or other responsible party.
6. Notify school nurse/nursing supervisor of the incident.

STORAGE

1. Maintain kits in a secured location that limits access to authorized staff.
2. Store at controlled room temperature between 59-77 degrees F.
3. All expired Narcan (naloxone) will be returned to nursing supervisor.
4. Expired or dispensed Naloxone will be replaced.

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