

Naloxone for All

Prescribe and discuss naloxone with all patients because:

Overdose deaths affect all Philadelphians, not just those with commonly identifiable risk factors such as an Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) diagnosis or reported drug use (prescription or illicit).

Many people may not realize they're at risk of an overdose. Fentanyl has been found in not just heroin, but also cocaine, crack, and counterfeit pills (sold as Xanax, Percocet, or other prescription drugs).

If naloxone is only prescribed to patients who ask for it, you might miss the opportunity to prevent the overdose of a patient who is unaware of their risk of overdose and uses prescription or illicit drugs infrequently.



Messages for patients:

Naloxone is not just for people who use drugs. Overdoses can happen in a home, on the street, in the park, on a bus, at your workplace. Carrying naloxone and keeping it in your home means you're equipped to save a neighbor, friend, roommate, or loved one if needed.

If someone is not breathing and not responsive, they may be having an opioid overdose that can be reversed using naloxone. **There is no danger in administering naloxone** to someone who is not using opioids or is having another medical emergency.

Naloxone can expire but there is **no harm in using expired naloxone**. Ask your patients if they have expired naloxone and offer another prescription if it's needed.

Good Samaritan laws **protect anyone from liability for administering naloxone** if you believed the person was experiencing an opioid overdose and you called for medical help/911 after giving the medication.

INTRAMUSCULAR

INFO Naloxone HCl 0.4 mg/mL 2 x 1 mL single-dose vials (NDC 0409-1215-01 or 67457-292-02)
Refills: [PRN](#)

2 x 23 g, 3mL, 1-inch syringe
Refills: [PRN](#)

INTRANASAL

Naloxone HCl 1mg/mL 2 x 2 mL as pre-filled Luer-Lock syringe (NDC 76329-3369-1)
Refills: [PRN](#)

2 x intranasal mucosal atomizing device (MAD 300)
Refills: [PRN](#)

NARCAN® NASAL SPRAY

4 mg (NDC 69547-353-02)
1 x two-pack Refills: [PRN](#)

SIG For suspected opioid overdose, call 911 and inject 1 mL intramuscularly in shoulder or thigh.

For suspected opioid overdose, call 911 and spray 1 mL in each nostril. If no response in 2 minutes, give second dose.

For suspected opioid overdose, call 911 and follow package instructions.

NOTES PROS:
Allows patients to titrate dosage and minimize withdrawal

CONS:
Some patients may be uncomfortable using a syringe.

PROS:
Does not involve a needle.

CONS:

- Requires assembling the atomizer.
- Atomizer typically not covered by insurance.

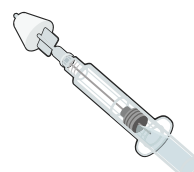
Note to pharmacist:
Call 866-246-6990 or 8009-723-3892 to order MAD 300.

PROS:

- No assembly required.
- Easy to use.

CONS:
Dosage cannot be controlled, meaning each use administers 4mg.

DEVICE



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How to provide your patients with Naloxone

Standing Order

In Pennsylvania there is a standing order for naloxone which means that anyone can go to a pharmacy and request the medication with or without a prescription.

Prescription

If you are sending a prescription for naloxone, you could use the following ICD-10 codes:

- F11.90 opioid use disorder
- Z81.4 family history of substance use disorder (helpful if you are prescribing for a family member to carry)

Pennsylvania Naloxone Copay Assistance Program

If someone has insurance (but is not on Medical Assistance) and is obtaining naloxone from a pharmacy, there may be a copay. The Pennsylvania Naloxone Copay Assistance Program will cover up to \$75 of any out-of-pocket costs for naloxone purchased at a pharmacy.

Medical Insurance

Covered by Medical Assistance without need for prior authorization. No limit to number of fills for patients on Medical Assistance. Copay will not apply for patients on Medical Assistance.

Next Distro

Next Distro is a mail-based harm reduction program that mails naloxone to people who use drugs and their families. You do not need insurance to receive naloxone through this service. Learn more at nextdistro.org/philly

Naloxone Near Me Tower

Naloxone is available to the public 24 hours a day at the Naloxone Near Me Tower in front of the Lucien E. Blackwell West Philadelphia Regional Library (125 S. 52nd St, Philadelphia, PA, 19139). This service is completely anonymous and does not require health insurance.

Some patients may be concerned about using medical insurance to obtain naloxone because of the potential for stigma within the medical community or concerns around how a naloxone prescription could affect life insurance policies. (A prescription for naloxone may prompt additional questions and a deeper review of the request for life insurance coverage and reason for the prescription.)

You can:

- Talk to your colleagues about why it's important to offer naloxone to all patients regardless of substance use.
- Provide other avenues outside of insurance for people to obtain naloxone.

To learn more about naloxone and where to get it, check out phillynaloxone.com

Carrying naloxone is an act of caring for your friends, family, and community.
