

**THE SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS AND THE SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF PHARMACY'S
JOINT PROTOCOL FOR CERTAIN COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS TO DISTRIBUTE NALOXONE HCL
PURSUANT TO A PRESCRIPTION OR A STANDING ORDER**

This joint protocol authorizes a prescriber practicing in the State of South Carolina and licensed by the South Carolina Board of Medical Examiners or the South Carolina Board of Nursing, to directly, or by standing order, prescribe the following Naloxone Hydrochloride products to a community distributor as described herein, a pharmacist licensed by the South Carolina Board of Pharmacy to dispense the following Naloxone Hydrochloride products to a community distributor pursuant to a prescription or standing order as described herein and a community distributor to distribute the following Naloxone Hydrochloride products as set forth herein.

Naloxone HCl Dispensing				
Eligible candidates	- A community distributor, which is an organization, either public or private, which provides substance use disorder assistance and services, such as counseling, homeless services, advocacy, harm reduction, alcohol and drug screening, and treatment to individuals at risk of experiencing an opioid-related overdose as approved by DAODAS. - For purposes of this Joint Protocol, 'caregiver' means a person who is not at risk of an opioid overdose but who, in the judgment of the community distributor, may be in a position to assist another individual during an overdose as cited under § 44-130-70(C)(4) and who has received patient overdose information as required by § 44-130-30.			
Route(s) of administration	Intranasal (IN) <i>Preferred method</i>			Intramuscular (IM) Inject into shoulder or thigh
Medication and required device for administration	Naloxone HCl 1 mg/mL Inj. 2 x 2 mL as pre-filled Luer-Lock syringes Dispense 2 (two) doses 2 (two) x Intranasal Mucosal Atomizing Devices (MAD 300)	Naloxone HCl 4 mg/0.1 ml Nasal Spray Dispense 1 x two-pack	Naloxone HCl 8mg/0.1ml Nasal Spray Dispense 1x two-pack	Naloxone HCl 0.4mg/mL Inj. 2 x 1mL single dose vials (SDV) Dispense 2 (two) SDV 2 (two) x intramuscular (IM) syringe, 3mL, 25 G, 1 inch Naloxone HCl auto-injector
Directions for use	Spray 1 mL in each nostril. Repeat after 2 minutes if minimal or no response.	Administer a single spray of Naloxone HCl in one nostril. Repeat after 2 minutes if minimal or no response	Administer a single spray of Naloxone HCl in one nostril. Repeat after 2 minutes if minimal or no response	Inject 1 mL IM in shoulder or thigh. Repeat after 2 minutes if minimal or no response.
Refills	PRN			
Contraindications	A history of known hypersensitivity to Naloxone or any of its components			
Patient education	Every person dispensed or distributed Naloxone shall receive education regarding the risk factors of overdose, signs of an overdose, overdose response steps, and the use of Naloxone. Examples of education materials that incorporate the above information may be found at http://www.naloxonesavesSC.org and attached hereto in Appendix A. Every person dispensed or distributed Naloxone shall call 911 prior to administration and remain on the line until first responders arrive.			
Pharmacist education	Pharmacists should be sufficiently educated regarding the Naloxone HCl product(s) being dispensed to provide appropriate counseling to the persons receiving the medication, as required by S.C. Code Ann. § 40-43-30(14). Suggested training resources are identified in Appendix B attached hereto and may be found on http://www.naloxonesavesSC.org .			
Notification of participation	Organizations designated by DAODAS as "community distributors" choosing to participate in the Naloxone community distribution will be identified on the www.justplainkillers.com website maintained by DAODAS and will notify the State Board of Pharmacy when initiating their participation for inclusion on www.naloxonesavesSC.org website maintained by LLR.			
Required documentation to obtain DAODAS Community Distributor designation	- A letter of intent outlining the applicant's purpose and involvement in the delivery of substance use disorder assistance and services to individuals at risk of experiencing an opioid-related overdose; - Proof of IRS identification or tax designation; - Evidence of an organizational mission statement or charter that identifies the applicant as meeting the definition of "Community Distributor" under S.C. Code § 44-130-20(2); and - Two references from a credible state or local entity, such as, but not limited to a substance use disorder treatment provider, a community mental health center, city or county governmental officials, faith organization, or local law enforcement officials.			

Required documentation	• Prescription/standing order from active, unencumbered South Carolina licensed prescriber; • All pertinent records relative to dispensing of Naloxone HCl, which must be maintained by the dispensing pharmacy for a period of 2 years; • A current copy of the Joint Protocol For Certain Community Organizations To Distribute Naloxone HCl Pursuant To A Prescription Or A Standing Order; and • If a Community Distributor, written confirmation of community distributor designation from DAODAS.
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APPENDIX A

EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS FOR NALOXONE PURCHASERS

1. Educational Tri-fold for Autoinjector
2. Educational Tri-fold for Injectable Naloxone
3. Educational Tri-fold for Mucosal Atomizing Devices (MAD 300)
4. Educational Tri-fold for Nasal Narcan

EVZIO AUTO INJECTOR



SUMMARY:

1. Identify overdose
2. Call 9-1-1
3. Give naloxone
4. CPR
5. Stay until help arrives

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Step 3: GIVE NALOXONE

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Recovery Position



INJECTABLE NALOXONE

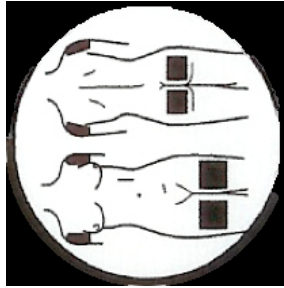


1. Remove cap from naloxone vial and uncover the needle.



2. Insert needle through rubber plug with vial upside down.

Pull back on plunger and take up 1 mL.



3. Inject 1 mL of naloxone at a 90 degree angle into a large muscle (upper arm/thigh, outer buttocks).

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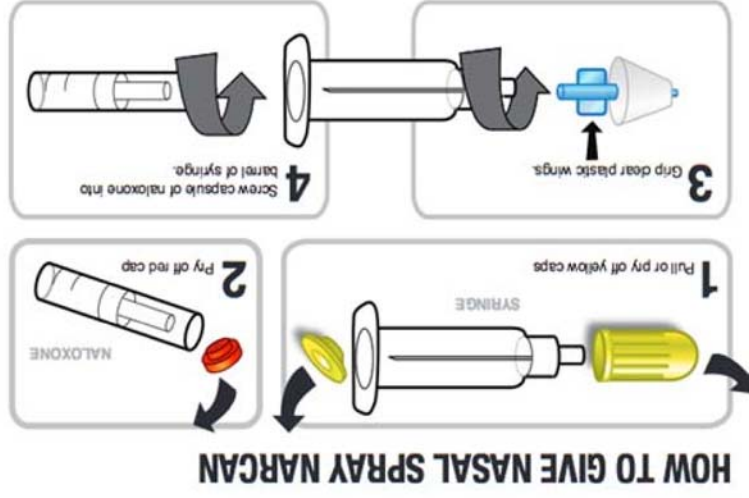
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Remove NARCAN Nasal Spray from the box.
Peel back the tab with the circle to open the NARCAN Nasal Spray.

Hold the NARCAN nasal spray with your thumb on the bottom of the plunger and your first and middle fingers on either side of the nozzle.

Gently insert the tip of the nozzle into either nostril.

• Tilt the person's head back and provide support under the neck with your hand. Gently insert the tip of the nozzle into **one nostril**, until your fingers on either side of the nozzle are against the bottom of the person's nose.

Press the plunger firmly to give the dose of NARCAN Nasal Spray.
• Remove the NARCAN Nasal Spray from the nostril after giving the dose.

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APPENDIX B

SUGGESTED EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES FOR PHARMACISTS

http://www.opioidprescribing.com/naloxone_module_1-landing

<https://cpnp.org/guideline/naloxone>

<https://www.prescribetoprevent.org>

<http://store.samhsa.gov/product/Opioid-Overdose-Prevention-Toolkit-Updated-2016/SMA16-4742>

<https://www.evzio.com/>

<http://www.narcan.com/>

<https://scpa.memberclicks.net/assets/Events/naloxone-ondemand-scpha%20code%202.pdf>

Regarding Intranasal Mucosal Atomizing Devices (MAD 300) availability:

Teleflex (866-246-6990) or

Safety Works, Inc. (800-723-3892)

Affirmation of Eligibility and Informed Consent for Naloxone Dispensed Without a Prescription

Purchaser's Name:

Purchaser's Address:

Purchaser's Date of Birth:

APPENDIX C

**AFFIRMATION OF ELIGIBILITY AND INFORMED CONSENT FOR NALOXONE DISPENSED
WITHOUT A PRESCRIPTION**

AFFIRMATION OF ELIGIBILITY TO PURCHASE NALOXONE

By signing below, I hereby affirm that either:

I *am* at risk of experiencing an opioid-related overdose. I have received patient overdose information, including risk factors of overdose, signs of an overdose, overdose response steps, and information about the use of Naloxone from the pharmacist dispensing Naloxone to me.

OR

I *am not* personally at risk of an opioid-related overdose, but I am the caregiver of a person who is at risk of experiencing an opioid-related overdose and am in a position to assist this person in the event of an opioid-related overdose. I have received patient overdose information, including risk factors of overdose, signs of an overdose, overdose response steps, and information about the use of Naloxone from the pharmacist dispensing Naloxone to me.

INFORMED CONSENT OF NALOXONE PURCHASER

By signing below, I acknowledge that this pharmacy is providing Naloxone to me without a prescription based upon my affirmation of eligibility to purchase Naloxone. I understand the eligibility to purchase Naloxone without a prescription is not a substitute for an ongoing relationship with a primary care provider to address ongoing medical issues and opioid overdose prevention. I understand the pharmacy will provide the primary care provider I identify with records of the Naloxone purchase so that my medical records may be complete and that it is recommended that I take my personal records with me to my next appointment as well.

I have received written materials or verbal instructions about the medication Naloxone. I understand the risks and benefits of using Naloxone, how to prevent and recognize an opioid overdose, and the importance of calling 911 emergency telephone services for medical assistance with an opioid overdose. I have been provided an opportunity to learn how to administer the correct dosage of Naloxone and ask questions, which have been answered to my satisfaction, and have been advised on how to care for an overdose victim after the administration of Naloxone. I wish to receive the Naloxone and hereby give consent for the dispensing pharmacist identified below to provide this document to the primary care practitioner, who is listed below.

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Naloxone Purchaser's Designated Primary Care Physician

Name of Dispensing Pharmacist

Contact Information for Dispensing Pharmacist