

EMT Naloxone Administration

Applies to:

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Clinical Indications:

1. Patient >22 kg. (50 lbs.)
2. Patient with suspected narcotic overdose and inadequate breathing (respiratory rate <8). Signs and symptoms include:
 - a. Deep snoring or gurgling
 - b. Pale and or clammy skin
 - c. Depressed LOC, no response to stimulation, heavy nod
 - d. Pinpoint pupils

Contraindications:

1. Patient is breathing adequately and able to maintain own airway
2. Relative contraindication for allergy to naloxone
3. Not advised when patient has exercised their right under the California End of Life Act, are on hospice or who are newly born

Equipment:

1. PPE
2. Naloxone prefilled syringe (pre-load or auto-injector)
3. Nasal atomizer (pre-load)
4. Alcohol prep pads
5. Sharps container

Procedure:

1. Activate 9-1-1 if not already activated
2. Assess patient to confirm indications are met
 - a. Manage life threats, airway, breathing and circulation
3. Administration of naloxone should be titrated to effect adequate breathing not to restore consciousness.
4. Consider aseptic technique if appropriate
5. Administer naloxone intranasal (Record time of administration)
 - a. Attach nasal atomizer
 - b. Administer 1 mg / 1mL into each nostril
6. Prepare for patient to vomit; utilize recovery position and suction
7. Continue to monitor, reassess and treat patient

Special Considerations:

1. Manufacturer instructions should be included in all Agency specific training

Treatment and Field Procedure Guidelines:

1. G02, G03, A13, A14, P08, P09, P10, FP09

