



FAQs

ABOUT NALOXONE

What is naloxone?

Naloxone is a life-saving medication that can reverse an overdose from all types of opioids (heroin, fentanyl and prescription) when given in time.

Is there an age cutoff for someone getting naloxone?

No. Naloxone can be given to anyone of any age.

What should you do if you think a pregnant person is experiencing an overdose?

Naloxone is safe to give to someone who is pregnant. Make sure the person gets emergency care immediately after naloxone administration.

Can I give someone naloxone if I am not sure why they are unresponsive?

Yes. Naloxone can be given to someone who is unconscious and will not harm them if they are suffering from another type of medical emergency.

What will happen if I accidentally expose myself to naloxone?

Nothing! Naloxone will not harm you if it gets on your skin or in your mouth or nose.

How fast does the naloxone nasal spray work?

Naloxone is effective within one to three minutes after being administered. You can give additional doses every two to three minutes until the person responds or emergency responders arrive.

Can I give someone too much naloxone?

No. You can safely give a dose of naloxone every two to three minutes until the person becomes responsive or until emergency responders take over care.

If someone starts to breathe after one dose but is not fully conscious, should I give a second dose?

Yes. Naloxone should be given every two to three minutes until the person is fully responsive, meaning the person is breathing and has regained consciousness.

If someone has a facial defect, can I put nasal naloxone into the person's mouth?

No. Naloxone does not work when given by mouth. Administer nasal naloxone into the person's nostril regardless of facial defect.

Does naloxone encourage drug use? Is it addictive?

No. Naloxone is not addictive, and it does not lead to more or riskier drug use.

When should I replace my naloxone?

Replace your naloxone if it is expired, has sat in extreme temperatures (less than 39°F or more than 104°F) or the plunger was pushed by mistake.

Will the person get agitated or aggressive after I give them naloxone?

Possibly. However, some people can wake up slowly as well. Using the nasal spray instead of a syringe to administer naloxone is a quick and safe way to prevent injury for both the person receiving and administering naloxone.

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