

STANDING ORDER FOR THE POSSESSION, DISTRIBUTION, AND ADMINISTRATION OF NALOXONE

This attachment serves as a standing order authorizing the possession, distribution, and administration by staff of naloxone (Narcan®) on Oregon State Hospital (OSH) grounds in the event of a suspected opioid overdose.

I. DRUG INFORMATION

Drug name: Naloxone hydrochloride

Brand Name: Narcan®, Kloxxado®

Medication Class: Opioid Antagonist

Mechanism of Action: Reverses the effects of opioid medications including respiratory depression and unresponsiveness

Indications: Respiratory depression or unresponsiveness due to suspected opioid overdose

Route: 2 – 8 mg intranasal via nasal spray

II. INDICATIONS AND USAGE

Naloxone is indicated for the complete or partial reversal of opioid overdose induced by natural or synthetic opioids and exhibited by respiratory depression or unresponsiveness.

III. PROCEDURES AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE OF NALOXONE

A. Inside the Hospital building:

1. Call Code Blue as soon as possible for a person suspected of an opioid overdose with respiratory depression or unresponsiveness, and initiate rescue breathing.
2. The following clinicians are authorized to administer naloxone: registered nurse (RN), physician, nurse practitioner (NP).
 - a. Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) are authorized to administer naloxone under the direction of an RN.
3. Only hospital-issued naloxone will be administered to patients.
4. Steps to prepare and administer naloxone are stored with all naloxone stocked at OSH. After administration of naloxone, the staff must follow incident reporting procedures.
5. Naloxone wears off in 30-90 minutes, which necessitates definitive medical care. The person suspected of overdose should go with Emergency Medical Services to the Emergency Department for additional care. Continue rescue

breathing and monitor respiration and responsiveness of the naloxone recipient until emergency help arrives.

B. Outside the Hospital building:

1. Call 911 as soon as possible for a person suspected of an opioid overdose with respiratory depression or unresponsiveness, and initiate rescue breathing.
2. ANY staff member or non-staff/layperson can prepare and administer hospital issued naloxone.
3. Steps to prepare and administer naloxone are stored with all naloxone stocked at OSH. After administration of naloxone, the staff must follow incident reporting procedures.
4. Naloxone wears off in 30-90 minutes, which necessitates definitive medical care. The person suspected of overdose should go with Emergency Medical Services to the Emergency Department for additional care. Continue rescue breathing and monitor respiration and responsiveness of the naloxone recipient until emergency help arrives.

IV. Authorization

I have reviewed this standing order and procedure for the possession and administration of naloxone by Oregon State Hospital and hereby authorize all Oregon State Hospital staff to use this standing order and procedure as prescribed.



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Chief Medical Officer

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Date