



Oregon Naloxone Laws & Rules FAQs



Purpose: To provide pharmacists with a concise overview of key Oregon state and federal laws and rules for prescribing and dispensing short-acting opioid antagonists (e.g., naloxone, nalmefene), also known as opioid overdose reversal medications (OORM).

Document Overview

- ✓ Pharmacists can prescribe, dispense, distribute, and administer naloxone
- ✓ Pharmacists are legally protected when they administer naloxone
- ✓ **HB 3440 (2017):** There is no training requirement for pharmacists to prescribe naloxone
- ✓ **HB 4143 (2018):** Pharmacists can dispense naloxone without a direct prescription

Laws & Rules

ORS 689.800: Opioid overdose; treatment; administration of short-acting opioid antagonist; liability; rules

ORS 689.802: Prescription of short-acting opioid antagonist

ORS 689.806: Notice of Availability

ORS 689.808: Standing Order

OAR 855-041-1035: Minimum Equipment Requirements

OAR 855-115-0350: Prescribing Practices

Key Points

- Pharmacists can administer naloxone in cases of suspected opioid overdose.
- Pharmacists are legally protected when they administer naloxone.
- Adhere to [state rules](#) and [protocols](#) for administering naloxone.
- **Pharmacists are authorized to prescribe naloxone.**
- Ensure proper documentation and patient education when prescribing.
- **HB 4002:** Pharmacists must provide written notice that naloxone prescribing services are available if minimum equipment standards are met and they are 1) prescribing naloxone and 2) have naloxone prescription available.
- Use clear signage and communication to let patients know how to access naloxone.
- **HB: 4002:** Pharmacists can dispense naloxone under a standing order from a non-pharmacist health care provider **without a direct prescription.**
- Pharmacists must comply with rules regarding standing orders and liability protections.
- Pharmacies must meet certain equipment standards to dispense naloxone.
- Follow the [guidelines](#) for prescribing naloxone safely.
- This includes proper patient assessment and education.