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Access the following websites for more resources on the ORP and how to prevent opiate overdoses with Narcan:

- www.prescribetoprevent.org includes further patient instructions on naloxone administration.
- The DHMH website contains information on where to find ORP training sites and ORP training materials:
<http://adaa.dhmf.maryland.gov/NALOXONE/SitePages/Home.aspx>

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Prevent Overdoses: Prescribe Naloxone

What you need to know about the DHMH's Overdose Response Program (ORP) and naloxone prescriptions





What is the ORP?

The Overdose Response Program (ORP) is a program designed by the DHMH to train community members to do the following:

- Identify opiate overdoses
- Know how to use naloxone in the setting of an overdose
- Administer naloxone when medically appropriate

Who should participate in the ORP?

- Anyone over the age of 18 is eligible
- Anyone currently receiving methadone
- Anyone with an opiate prescription
- Anyone with a history of opiate abuse
- Anyone suspected of using opiates for nonmedical reasons
- Anyone with close contacts (e.g., family members, friends, housemates) who are using opiates
- Volunteers

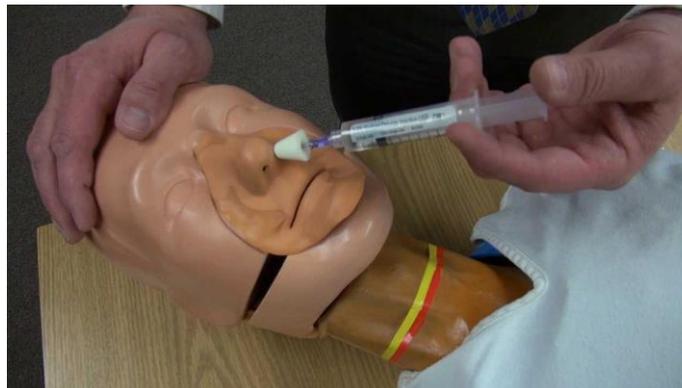
Access the DHMH website to find the ORP training sites nearest your clinic location:
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Who Should Get Naloxone?

Anyone who has completed the ORP or is suspected of using opiates can receive a naloxone prescription.

Definitely prescribe Naloxone to:

- Anyone who has completed the Overdose Response Program (described below);
- Anyone with a known history of IV drug use or misuse of prescription opiates;
- Anyone who receives high-dose opiates or receives opiates chronically;
- Anyone who has been hospitalized for opiate overdose;
- Anyone who uses opiates with antidepressants, benzodiazepines, alcohol, or other drugs;
- Anyone who uses opiates with a history of major organ dysfunction (renal, hepatic, cardiac, pulmonary);
- Anyone using opiates with a history of mental illness; and
- Anyone receiving treatment for substance use disorder.



How to Write for Naloxone

Naloxone can be written for as either an intramuscular or intranasal medication.

To prescribe the intranasal form of naloxone, write the following:

Rx = Naloxone 2mg/2ml needless syringe and intranasal mucosal atomizer device

Qty = 2 each

Refill = PRN

Sig: For suspected opioid overdose, spray 1ml in each nostril, may repeat after 3 minutes if no or minimal response.

To prescribe the injectable form of naloxone, write the following:

Rx = Naloxone injection 0.4mg/1ml vial and 3cc, 23g, 1 inch syringes

Qty = 2 units of each

Refill = PRN

Sig: For suspected opioid overdose, inject 1ml in shoulder or thigh, may repeat after 3 minutes if no or minimal response.

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