

What is an opioid overdose?



Opioids can cause bad reactions that make your breathing slow or even stop. This can happen if your body can't handle the opioids that you take that day.

TO AVOID AN ACCIDENTAL OPIOID OVERDOSE:

- Avoid using opioids with alcohol, benzodiazepines (Xanax, Ativan, Klonopin, Valium), or medicines that make you sleepy.
- Be extra careful if you miss or change doses, feel ill, or start new medications.

Naloxone reverses opioid overdose. Available dosage forms described inside. Naloxone is available without a prescription at many Colorado pharmacies.

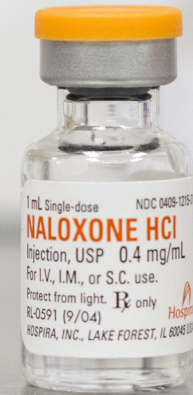
Common opioids include:

GENERIC	BRAND NAME
Hydrocodone	Vicodin, Lorcet, Lortab, Norco, Zohydro
Oxycodone	Percocet, OxyContin, Roxicodone, Percodan
Morphine	MSContin, Kadian, Embeda, Avinza
Codeine	Tylenol with Codeine, TyCo, Tylenol #3
Fentanyl	Duragesic, Actiq
Hydromorphone	Dilaudid
Oxymorphone	Opana
Meperidine	Demerol
Methadone	Dolophine, Methadose
Buprenorphine	Suboxone, Subutex, Zubsolv, Bunavail, Butrans
Heroin	N/A

For patient education, videos, and additional materials, please visit www.prescribetoprevent.org

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<http://www.corxconsortium.org/naloxone/>

OPIOID SAFETY AND HOW TO USE NALOXONE



**A GUIDE FOR PATIENTS
AND CAREGIVERS**

 **COLORADO
CONSORTIUM**
for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention

IN CASE OF OVERDOSE:

1 Check responsiveness

Look for any of the following:

- No response even if you shake the patient or say their name
- Breathing slows or stops
- Lips and fingernails turn blue or gray
- Skin gets pale or clammy


2 Call 911 and give naloxone

- If no reaction in 3 minutes, give second naloxone dose






3 Do rescue breathing and/or chest compressions

- Follow 911 dispatcher instructions

>> STAY WITH PERSON UNTIL HELP ARRIVES.

Check inside for information on the 4 most common naloxone products 

According to Colorado Law, anyone is allowed to obtain and administer naloxone in order to help someone who may be overdosing. Naloxone can be obtained by prescription from a health care provider, at a pharmacy without a prescription, or at a harm reduction organization. Good Samaritan and 3rd party laws protect you from liability when you give naloxone.

Name/Brand	Injectable - Generic 	Intranasal - with atomizer 	Narcan® Nasal NOZZLE  PLUNGER 	Evzio® - autoinjector 
Product Instructions	Remove orange cap from vial, open syringe, remove needle guard. Insert needle through rubber stopper in vial and pull back plunger to suck up all liquid. Inject all liquid into shoulder or thigh through clothing if necessary.	Remove 3 colored caps, screw syringe into cartridge, screw atomizer onto other end. Spray ½ contents into each nostril.	Insert tip into nostril and press plunger with thumb to spray contents into one nostril. DO NOT test or prime device.	Pull cover off to activate voice instructions. Follow instructions: place black side firmly on outer thigh and depress and hold for 5 seconds to inject naloxone as directed by English voice-prompt system.
Assembly Required	Yes - 3-4 steps to administer	Yes - 4-5 steps to administer	No - insert into nose and press plunger	No - pull off cover and follow voice instructions
Parts Per Kit	2 vials, 2 syringes	2 boxes (prefilled syringe and cartridge), 2 atomizers	2 blister pouches per box	2 autoinjectors, 1 training device per box
Cash Price	\$	\$\$	\$\$	\$\$\$\$ discounts available on website
Insurance?	Many health insurance plans cover naloxone kits. Have a pharmacist check or call your insurance company.			
Health First Colorado (Medicaid)	Covered	Covered with up to 15 attachable nasal atomizers yearly	Covered	Not covered
Pharmacy Information:				
Company/Website	Hospira - pfizerinjectables.com Mylan - mylan.com	IMS/Amphastar amphastar.com Atomizer Teleflex teleflex.com	ADAPT Pharma narcan.com	Kaleo evzio.com
Customer Service	Hospira/Pfizer: 1-877-946-7747 Mylan: 1-800-796-9526	Amphastar: 1-800-423-4136 Teleflex: 1-866-246-6990	1-844-462-7226	1-855-773-8946

Resources:

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/naloxoneorders>
Informational/educational videos (Prescribe to Prevent): <http://prescribetoprevent.org/patient-education/videos>