



Naloxone Administration by Public Safety First Aid (PSFA)

FIELD TREATMENT GUIDELINE M-18

INDICATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overdose: A patient as a result of an individual's intentional / accidental exposure to an excessive or dangerous dose of a pharmacological substance that is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • unconscious or has an acutely altered mental status patient; <u>and</u> • has depressed respiratory efforts (respiratory rate <8/min).
PSFA/BLS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure EMS has been activated using the 9-1-1 system. • Maintain standard blood and body fluid precautions, use personal protective equipment. • Check patient/victim for responsiveness. • Open the airway using Basic Life Support techniques. • Perform BVM or mouth to mask ventilations, if indicated. • Perform CPR if pulseless. <p>SUSPECTED NARCOTIC OVERDOSE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the presence of an unconscious or an acutely altered mental status patient that <u>also</u> has depressed respiratory efforts (<8/min): <p>Administer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intranasal Naloxone: <i>Adult/Pediatric:</i> 4 mg intranasally. May repeat once. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare for possible narcotic reversal behavior or withdrawal symptoms (vomiting and agitation) in response to naloxone with a patient that is narcotic dependent. • Notify transporting EMS personnel of administration of naloxone.
KEY CONCEPTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prehospital personnel should avoid contamination to poisons and wait for patients to be appropriately decontaminated prior to providing treatment. • Naloxone should only be administered if both mental status <u>and</u> respiratory effort are depressed. • Administration should always be titrated to ensure an adequate respiratory rate not to restore consciousness. • Use caution when administering naloxone to narcotic-dependent patients as it may cause acute withdrawal. This includes administration to neonates of narcotic-addicted mothers. • Naloxone is an antagonist only to opioid narcotics and is not effective with other medications. • Participating PSFA Agencies shall report all cases of naloxone administration to Napa County EMS using a Napa County EMS Event Reporting Form.