



Naloxone
MEDICATION REFERENCE CARD

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| INDICATION | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Altered mental status respiratory depression with suspected narcotic overdose |
| CONTRA-INDICATION | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Known hypersensitivity Do not use for patients who have stable hemodynamic and respiratory statuses Can precipitate narcotic withdrawal |
| SIDE EFFECTS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nausea/Vomiting Sweating Tachycardia Hypertension Tremulousness/Seizures Ventricular arrhythmias Pulmonary edema |
| ADULT DOSE | <p>M-09: Poisoning/Overdose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0.4-2 mg IV/IO May repeat every 3-5 minutes, titrated to reverse respiratory depression. MAX total dose of 8 mg. 2mg IN/IM. May repeat every 3-5 minutes. For IN administration, divide evenly into each nare. MAX total dose of 8 mg. <p>M-18: Naloxone Administration by Law Enforcement (NALE)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 mg intranasally. May repeat once. |
| PEDIATRIC | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See Pediatric Medication Reference Cards |
| CAUTION | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Titrate to adequate respiratory status. Monitor for and treat cardiac disturbances as appropriate Due to relatively short clinical effect (20-30 min) monitor closely for recurrence of respiratory depression. Can precipitate narcotic withdrawal. Use in pregnant women in labor requires base hospital order. |
| ACTIONS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Displaces narcotic molecules by competing for the opiate receptor sites in the brain and reverses respiratory depression secondary to opioids. |
| GUIDELINE | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> M-09: Poisoning/Overdose M-18: Naloxone Administration by Law Enforcement (NALE) |