



Stanislaus County Emergency Medical Services Agency

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Title	Naloxone Administration by First Responders		
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I. AUTHORITY

Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, CA. Code of Regulation, Title 22, Division 9.

II. DEFINITIONS

1. **Opioid (narcotic) overdose** is the result of an individual's exposure to opioid narcotic pharmacological substances (accidental or intentional). Common narcotic substances include heroin, morphine, oxycodone, hydrocodone, fentanyl, methadone, Dilaudid and Demerol.
2. **Naloxone (Narcan)** is an antagonist to opioid narcotics and is not effective with other medications. It will NOT reverse non-opiate exposures.

III. PURPOSE

To serve as a patient treatment standard for First Responders and Law Enforcement within their scope of practice. First Responder and Law Enforcement Agencies desiring to administer naloxone shall be approved and authorized by the EMS Agency in accordance with CCR, Title 22, Division 9.

IV. PROTOCOL

- A. Authorized agencies shall administer naloxone in accordance with this policy.
- B. A first responder or law enforcement personnel approved in the administration of naloxone shall maintain current certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) at the basic life support level and consistent with the American Heart Association standards.
- C. **INDICATIONS/CONTRAINDICATIONS**
 1. Environment is suspicious for use of opioids; AND
 2. Victim is unconscious/poorly responsive and respiratory (breathing) rate appears slow (<10/min) or shallow/inadequate; OR
 3. Victim is unconscious and not breathing (Note: If patient has no pulse, begin continuous chest compression CPR immediately. CPR should take priority over administration of naloxone.)

STANDING ORDERS

ASSESS	Establish responsiveness.
SECURE AIRWAY	Using the simplest effective method. A BLS airway with objective evidence of good ventilation and oxygenation is adequate and acceptable.
OXYGEN	Oxygen delivery if available and as appropriate.
ACTIVATE EMS	Ensure EMS has been activated.
NALOXONE	2-4mg Intranasal, administer half in each Nare if possible. Use lowest dose available to achieve adequate respirations. If no improvement, dose may be repeated every 5 minutes if respiratory depression (respiratory rate <10 min.) persists.

D. Documentation

1. First Responders (fire departments) must document naloxone administration in the agency's ePCR documentation platform if applicable.
2. If naloxone is from Stanislaus EMS Agency provided naloxone kit, each carton will have a QR code (below) that first responder or law enforcement personnel must scan and complete.
 - a.) When administering one 4mg dose from the carton (containing two doses) first responder or law enforcement personnel should save the carton and remaining naloxone dose for another administration and documentation.

V. STANISLAUS COUNTY EMS AGENCY QR CODE

