

Name
Jail Health Policy
Narcan (Naloxone)

Policy:

It is the policy of the **Name** Jail that all jail and medical staff will be trained in the use, storage, and compliance of intranasal Narcan administration.

Purpose:

To establish a guideline for the administration of nasal Narcan by **Name** jail and medical staff in order to prevent fatalities from opiate overdoses in the jail setting

Responsible Parties:

Jail Staff, Public Health Nurse, RN

Equipment:

Nasal Narcan, gloves (optional)

Warning:

Narcan is a medication that can block the effect of opioids and reverse overdoses. A single dose of Narcan can last as short as 30 minutes from administration. It is indicated for a known overdose of opiates such as codeine, fentanyl, heroin, hydrocodone, hydromorphone, lorcet, Lortab, methadone, Norco, morphine, opium, oxycodone, Percocet, Percodan.

Do not give if there is a known allergy to Narcan

The administration of Narcan may induce symptoms of opiate withdrawal such as: agitation, tachycardia, nausea, vomiting, seizures, sweating, tremors and pulmonary edema.

Procedure:

All patients should be evaluated for other causes of altered mental status and respiratory distress prior to administration of Narcan- opiate overdose symptoms may be: decreased mental status, extreme sleepiness, inability to awaken verbally/upon sternal rub, slow to shallow breathing in an inmate, fingernails or lips turning blue/purple, extremely small “pinpoint” pupils, slow heartbeat and/or low blood pressure

1. Initiate emergency response services
2. Obtain Narcan from medication cart, apply gloves if necessary
3. Peel back the package to remove the device.
4. Place the tip of the nozzle in *either* nostril until your fingers touch the bottom of the patient’s nose.
5. Press the plunger firmly to release the dose into the patient’s nose. (1 dose=4 mg)

Perform rescue breathing if the patient is breathing shallow or not breathing.

If no change after 2-3 minutes repeat above procedure with another dose of Narcan.

*****All patients who receive Narcan must be transported to the Emergency Department for evaluation.**