

Subject: Treatment Guidelines-BLS Personnel  
**Suspected Opioid Overdose**

Associated Policies:

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- I. Priorities:
  - A. Scene safety
  - B. ABCs
  - C. Manage airway and assist ventilations
  - D. Ensure appropriate EMS units have been requested.
  
- II. Suspected Opioid Overdose
  - A. Identify intranasal naloxone indications
    - 1. Environment is suspicious for use of opioids
    - 2. Patient is unconscious/poorly responsive and respiratory (breathing) rate appears slow (<12) or shallow/inadequate; or patient is unconscious and not breathing.
  - B. Ensure that appropriate EMS units have been requested. (BLS/ALS)
  - C. Utilize personal protective equipment.
  - D. Stimulate patient to determine if the person will awaken.
  - E. If no pulse, begin chest compressions.
  - F. Assess respiratory status, manage airway and assist ventilations with appropriate BLS maneuvers.
  - G. Provide high flow oxygen using appropriate delivery devices (if available).
  - H. If no response to stimulation and continued poor/absent breathing, administer Narcan® (Naloxone) Nasal Spray.
  - K. Remove Narcan® (Naloxone) Nasal Spray from the box, follow the manufactures instructions.
  - L. If patient does not respond, or responds briefly but then relapses, administer a second dose 2-3 minutes after the first dose.
  - M. Whether or not Narcan® (Naloxone) Nasal Spray has been administered observe for improved breathing and consciousness; continue to assist ventilations until patient regains consciousness.
  - N. If respirations return but patient remains unresponsive, place patient on their left side to prevent aspiration.
  - O. If improved response to Narcan® (Naloxone) Nasal Spray, be alert for sudden agitation behavior, violence or symptoms of opioid withdrawal, such as vomiting, abdominal cramps or sweating.
  - P. Report administration of Narcan® (Naloxone) Nasal Spray to appropriate EMS personnel.
  - Q. Complete Narcan® (Naloxone) Nasal Spray utilization report and submit a copy to North Coast EMS. Form can be obtained from North Coast EMS.

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