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Utah Guidance for Naloxone
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Pursuant to the authority in UCA § 58-17b-627, this pharmacy practice guidance authorizes a Utah-licensed pharmacist (“Pharmacist”) to prescribe and dispense Naloxone according to and in compliance with applicable state and federal laws and rules.

Upon assessment and determination that a patient is eligible to receive and possess naloxone pursuant to this guidance, an authorized pharmacist shall, prior to dispensing naloxone, provide training and education to the patient including, but not limited to, the information identified in this guidance. A pharmacist may provide to the patient written materials that include, but may not be limited to, the information identified in this guidance, but the written materials shall not be in lieu of direct pharmacist consultation with the patient.

The pharmacist shall provide the following:

1. The signs and symptoms of opioid-related overdose as described in this guidance.
2. The importance of calling 911 as soon as possible and the potential need for rescue breathing.
3. The appropriate use and directions for administration of the naloxone to be dispensed pursuant to this guidance.
4. Adverse reactions of naloxone as well as reactions resulting from opioid withdrawal following administration.
5. The proper storage conditions, including temperature excursions, of the naloxone product being dispensed.
6. The expiration date of the naloxone product being dispensed and the appropriate disposal of the naloxone product upon expiration.
7. Information about substance abuse or behavioral health treatment programs, if applicable.

Authorized Naloxone Products:

Nasal administration

- Naloxone HCl 4 mg/0.1mL Nasal Spray
 - o Dispense one (1) box containing two (2) 4 mg/0.1 mL doses of naloxone.
 - o Instructions: Spray 0.1 mL into one nostril. Repeat with second device into the other nostril after 2-3 minutes if no or minimal response. If used, call 911 for transport to hospital.

- Naloxone HCl Solution 1 mg/mL in a 2 mL pre-filled Luer-Lock Syringe
 - o Dispense 2 x 2 mL syringes (4 mL total) with two nasal mucosal atomization devices.
 - o Instructions: Spray 1 mL (1/2 of syringe) into each nostril. Repeat after 2-3 minutes if no or minimal response. If used, call 911 for transport to hospital.
- Naloxone HCl Injection 2 mg/0.4 ml Auto-injector
 - o Dispense one box containing two auto-injectors.
 - o Inject into outer thigh. Place black side firmly on outer thigh and depress and hold for 5 seconds. Repeat with second device in 2-3 minutes if no or minimal response. If used, call 911 for transport to hospital.
- Naloxone HCl 0.4 mg/mL in a 1 mL unit dose vial or prefilled syringe device
 - o Dispense 2 x 1 mL unit dose vials and two (2) 3cc syringes with 23-25G 1-1.5 inch needles for intramuscular injection.
 - o Instructions: Inject 1 mL intramuscularly in the deltoid or thigh. Repeat after 2-3 minutes if no or minimal response. If used, call 911 for transport to hospital.

Dispense at least 2 doses of naloxone to an individual or an appropriate amount for the needs of an organization that will further distribute it. Refills may be dispensed under this standing order.

Naloxone Resources:

Medicaid reimbursement, education materials, and pharmacy information:

<https://naloxone.utah.gov/>

Utah Naloxone: <http://www.utahnaloxone.org/>