

KEY POINTS
NARCAN/NALOXONE

What is Narcan?

- Narcan is also referred to as Naloxone
- Narcan/Naloxone is a medicine that rapidly reverses an opioid* overdose.
(**Examples of opioids: heroin; fentanyl; oxycodone {OxyContin}; hydrocodone {Vicodin}; codeine; morphine*)
- Narcan/Naloxone is an opioid antagonist.

Purpose of Narcan/Naloxone

- Narcan/Naloxone should be given to any person who shows signs of an opioid overdose** or when an overdose is suspected.
- Narcan/Naloxone attaches to opioid receptors and reverses and blocks the effects of other opioids.
- Narcan/Naloxone can quickly restore normal breathing to a person if their breathing has slowed or stopped because of an opioid overdose**.
- When administered during an overdose, Narcan/Naloxone blocks the effects of opioids on the brain and is designed to restore breathing.
(****Signs of an opioid overdose: unconsciousness; very small pupils; slow or shallow breathing; vomiting; faint heartbeat; limp arms and legs; pale skin; purple/grayish lips and fingernails***)

Who Can Obtain Narcan/Naloxone?

- Family members, friends and individuals at risk of opioid overdose

How to Obtain Narcan/Naloxone

- The Pennsylvania Department of Health's Acting Physician General, Denise Johnson signed standing order prescriptions for naloxone;
<https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/Documents/Opioids/General%20Public%20Standing%20Order.pdf>
- Individuals can get naloxone mailed to their home when completing a short training. <https://nextdistro.org/Pennsylvania>
- Visit the Lancaster RASE Project <https://raseproject.org/rase-program-of-lancaster/>

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- If you are enrolled in a Substance Use Disorder (SUD) treatment service provider contracted with LCDAC, you may request to receive Narcan/Naloxone and the provider is required to honor the request as part of their LCDAC contractual agreement.
 - The LCDAC contracted SUD treatment service providers can be found on the **GETTING HELP** guide at:
<https://www.co.lancaster.pa.us/DocumentCenter/View/12591/Getting-Help-2021>
- Visit the Department of Health website for additional information
<https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/Opioids/Pages/Naloxone.aspx>
- Visit DDAP website for additional information
https://www.ddap.pa.gov/overdose/Pages/Naloxone_Reversal.aspx