Naloxone

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Outline

• What is naloxone
• Administering Naloxone
• Naloxone in pharmacies
Naloxone reverses overdoses from opioids
Fast & Effective
ICU & Emerg Drug
Buys you time for an ambulance
Unprecedented Approvals
Injectable Naloxone
HEALTH CANADA JANUARY 2016

"After taking the unprecedented step of initiating a review of the drug’s prescription status, Health Canada put forward an amendment to the prescription drug list to allow non-prescription use of naloxone specifically for emergency use for opioid overdose outside hospital."
ONTARIO COLLEGE OF PHARMACISTS JUNE 2016

"Naloxone, when indicated for emergency use for opioid overdose outside hospital, is available as a Schedule II drug. Any patient or patient’s agent are now permitted to obtain Schedule II naloxone directly from any community pharmacist without a prescription."
ONTARIO MINISTRY OF HEALTH JUNE 2016
All pharmacies are eligible to provide naloxone emergency kits AT NO COST to 1) a person who is either currently using opioids or is a past opioid user who is at risk of returning to opioid use, or 2) a family, friends or other persons in a position to assist a person at risk of overdose from opioids.
Nasal Spray
HEALTH CANADA JULY 2016

"The Minister of Health has signed an Interim Order which authorizes the immediate importation and sale of NARCAN® Nasal spray for use in the emergency treatment of known or suspected opioid overdoses....NARCAN® Nasal Spray is not currently available for sale in Canada. However, its manufacturer, has filed a New Drug Submission with Health Canada that could eventually allow for its sale in Canada. Until this occurs, the [federal] Minister of Health has determined that there is an immediate need for the product to be available in Canada to help address the ongoing health emergency that exists as a result of opioid overdoses."
CBC NEWS OCTOBER 2016

Nasal spray is approved for sale. "Just-released inmates will be the first people in Ontario to receive free doses of the recently approved naloxone nasal spray as part of the province's strategy to curb opioid use."
What You Need

- 2 naloxone amps
- 2 safety syringes
- Optional: Gloves, alcohol wipes, rescue breather, training card, amp snapper
Giving Naloxone

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FAQ: Do I need a health card to get naloxone?
FAQ: Can I get naloxone WITHOUT a health card?
FAQ: Do all pharmacies provide kits?
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