



Naloxone Kit Information and FAQs

What is naloxone?

Naloxone is a medicine commonly known as Narcan[®]. It is a medicine that can be used to reverse an overdose caused by opioid drugs. When administered during an overdose, naloxone blocks the effects of opioid on the brain and restores breathing. It can be given as an injection into a muscle or as a nasal spray.

Naloxone is supplied in a “naloxone kit” that anyone who is at risk to witness an overdose can get from a pharmacist or prescriber. Southeast provides nasal naloxone kits to anyone who wants one.

How can I get a naloxone kit from Southeast, Inc.?

Come to the front desk at 16 W. Long Street, Columbus Ohio 43215 between Monday – Friday, 8am-5pm and sign-in at the front desk for a naloxone kit. You do not need to be a Southeast patient to get a kit.

You can also call our clinical pharmacist, Michelle Maguire, in advance by e-mailing maguirem@southeastinc.com or calling 614-225-0990 ext. 1119.

How much do the kits cost?

The cost is usually covered with prescription insurance, including Medicaid and Medicare plans. We also have free kits available through ProjectDawn.

What do I need to bring to Southeast when I come for the naloxone?

You only need to bring your prescription insurance card. You only need to bring your prescription insurance card if you want to use it.

Where can I park downtown?

There are multiple parking lots and parking meters downtown near our facility. If you need parking information please call 614-225-0990 for more information.

I work with a lot of opioid addicts, or I am a representative of an organization that serves many individuals at risk for opioid overdose. Can I get a kit or multiple kits?

Yes you can. The law says anyone in the position to assist an opioid addict can get naloxone and administer it as long as they call 911. Please e-mail our clinical pharmacist Michelle Maguire at maguirem@southeastinc.com or calling 614-225-0990 ext. 1119 to set up an individual training session and for more questions.

What addiction treatment services are available at Southeast?

We have a Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) program which includes intensive counseling along with Suboxone or Vivitrol. We also have a large alcohol and drug counseling program at our S. 4th street location. Southeast also has comprehensive outpatient healthcare services for insured or uninsured patients, including primary care, syringe exchange, STD testing, psychiatry, case management and counseling. Visit our website at www.southeastinc.com or call 614-225-0990 for more information or to set up an appointment.

What type of drug does naloxone work against in overdose?

Naloxone only works on opioids. Opioids include drugs such as heroin, oxycodone (Percocet, Percodan, OxyContin), hydrocodone (Vicodin, Lortab, Norco), fentanyl, hydromorphone (Dilaudid), buprenorphine (Subutex, Suboxone), codeine, methadone, morphine, and tramadol (Ultram).

However, naloxone is safe. If naloxone is given to a person who is not experiencing an opioid overdose, it is harmless. If it is not clear that the overdose is from another drug (alcohol, cocaine, amphetamines, bath salts, benzodiazepines like Xanax or Valium, etc), then give naloxone anyway.

Is naloxone safe?

Naloxone is safe and has no side effects. If naloxone is given to a person who is not experiencing an opioid overdose, it is harmless. If naloxone is given to a person who is experiencing an opioid overdose, it will cause withdrawal symptoms.

Can naloxone be abused?

Naloxone has no potential for abuse. Some argue that giving naloxone will lead to more drug use and lead to a “false sense of comfort” that if they overdose someone will save them. In fact, studies have shown that giving naloxone kits to opioid users and their contacts lead to an overall decrease in drug use and increased interest into treatment.

Why should someone get a naloxone kit?

Most opioid overdoses occur in the presence of others, so having naloxone on hand can save a life. It is safe to give and has no side effects.

Who can get a naloxone kit and administer the drug in Ohio?

Since 2014, the law in Ohio says that anyone who is an opioid addict or anyone who is a close contact of an opioid addict. Prescriber, pharmacists and other trained individuals can give a naloxone kit along with education how to use it.

If you have more questions about the law, you may look at the Ohio State Board of Pharmacy resource page on their website.