

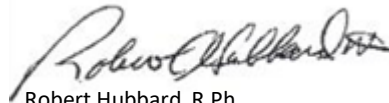
**THE SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS AND THE SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF PHARMACY'S  
JOINT PROTOCOL TO INITIATE DISPENSING OF NALOXONE HCl WITHOUT A PRESCRIPTION**

This joint protocol authorizes any pharmacist practicing in the State of South Carolina and licensed by the South Carolina Board of Pharmacy to dispense the following Naloxone Hydrochloride products to persons without a prescription as directed below pursuant to § 44-130-40 of the South Carolina Code of Laws.

<b>Naloxone HCl Dispensing</b>				
<b>Eligible candidates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Persons who voluntarily request Naloxone and are at risk of experiencing opioid-related overdose, including but not limited to:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Current illicit or non-medical opioid users or persons with a history of such use;</li> <li>Persons with a history of opioid intoxication or overdose and/or emergency medical care for acute opioid poisoning;</li> <li>Persons with an opioid prescription, especially those who have:                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>known or suspected concurrent alcohol abuse;</li> <li>COPD or other respiratory illness or obstruction or currently smoke;</li> <li>renal dysfunction, Hepatic disease, cardiac disease, or HIV/AIDS; or</li> <li>concurrent Benzodiazepine prescription;</li> </ul> </li> <li>Persons from an opioid detoxification and mandatory abstinence program;</li> <li>Persons entering methadone maintenance treatment programs (for addiction or pain);</li> <li>Persons who may have difficulty accessing emergency medical services; and/or</li> </ul> </li> <li>Persons who voluntarily request Naloxone and are the caregiver of a person at risk of experiencing an opioid overdose.</li> </ul>			
<b>Route(s) of administration</b>	<b>Intranasal (IN)</b> <i>Preferred method</i>			<b>Intramuscular (IM)</b> Inject into shoulder or
<b>Medication and required device for administration</b>	Naloxone HCl 1 mg/mL Inj. 2 x 2 mL as pre-filled Luer-Lock syringes • Dispense 2 (two) doses 2 (two) x Intranasal Mucosal Atomizing Devices (MAD 300)	Naloxone HCl 4 mg/0.1 mL Nasal Spray • Dispense 1 x two-pack	Naloxone HCl 8mg/0.1 mL Nasal Spray • Dispense 1 x two-pack	Naloxone HCl 0.4mg/mL Inj. 2 x 1mL single dose vials (SDV) • Dispense 2 (two) SDV  2 (two) x intramuscular (IM) syringe, 3mL, 25 G,
<b>Directions for use</b>	Spray 1 mL in each nostril. Repeat after 3 minutes if minimal or no response.	Administer a single spray of Naloxone HCl in one nostril. Repeat after 3 minutes if minimal or no response.	Administer a single spray of Naloxone HCl in one nostril. Repeat after 3 minutes if minimal or no response.	Inject 1 mL IM in shoulder or thigh. Repeat after 3 minutes if minimal or no response.
<b>Refills</b>	PRN			
<b>Contraindications</b>	A history of known hypersensitivity to Naloxone or any of its components			
<b>Patient education</b>	Every person dispensed Naloxone shall receive education regarding the risk factors of overdose, signs of an overdose, overdose response steps, and the use of Naloxone. Examples of education materials that incorporate the above information may be found at <a href="http://www.naloxonesavesSC.org">http://www.naloxonesavesSC.org</a> and attached hereto in Appendix A.			
<b>Pharmacist education</b>	Pharmacists should be sufficiently educated regarding the Naloxone HCl product(s) being dispensed to provide appropriate counseling to the persons receiving the medication, as required by S.C. Code Ann. § 40-43-30(14). Suggested training resources are identified in Appendix B attached hereto and may be found on <a href="http://www.naloxonesavesSC.org">http://www.naloxonesavesSC.org</a> .			
<b>Notification of participation</b>	Pharmacies choosing to participate in the Naloxone distribution may notify the State Board of Pharmacy when initiating their participation. See directions for notification at <a href="http://www.naloxonesavesSC.org">http://www.naloxonesavesSC.org</a> .			
<b>Required documentation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A current copy of the Joint Protocol to Initiate Dispensing of Naloxone HCl Without a Prescription, if participating;</li> <li>Notice of Informed Consent and Affirmation of Naloxone Purchaser with Notice to Primary Care Provider, if identified, for each transaction; and</li> <li>All pertinent patient records relative to dispensing of Naloxone HCl without a prescription, which must be maintained for a period of 2 years.</li> </ul>			



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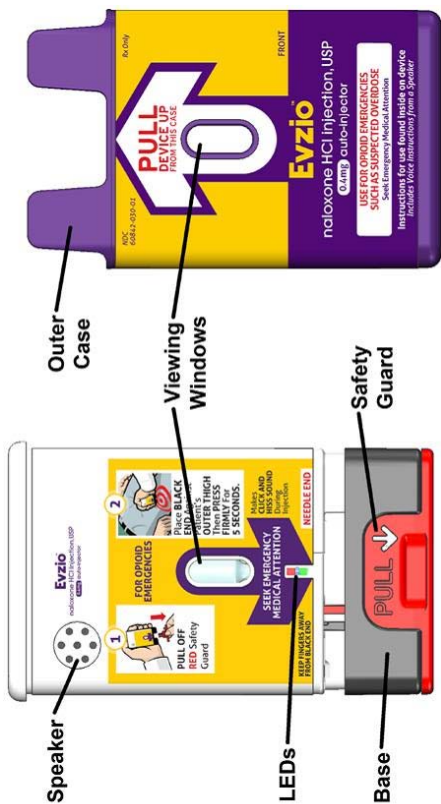
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## **APPENDIX A**

### **EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS FOR NALOXONE PURCHASERS**

1. Educational Tri-fold for Autoinjector
2. Educational Tri-fold for Injectable Naloxone
3. Educational Tri-fold for Mucosal Atomizing Devices (MAD 300)
4. Educational Tri-fold for Nasal Narcan

## EVZIO AUTO INJECTOR



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4. CPR
5. Stay until help arrives

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## Naloxone Saves

South Carolina



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## Step 3: GIVE NALOXONE

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## Recovery Position



## INJECTABLE NALOXONE



1. Remove cap from naloxone vial and uncover the needle.



2. Insert needle through rubber plug with vial upside down.

Pull back on plunger and take up 1 mL.



3. Inject 1 mL of naloxone at a 90 degree angle into a large muscle (upper arm/thigh, outer buttocks).

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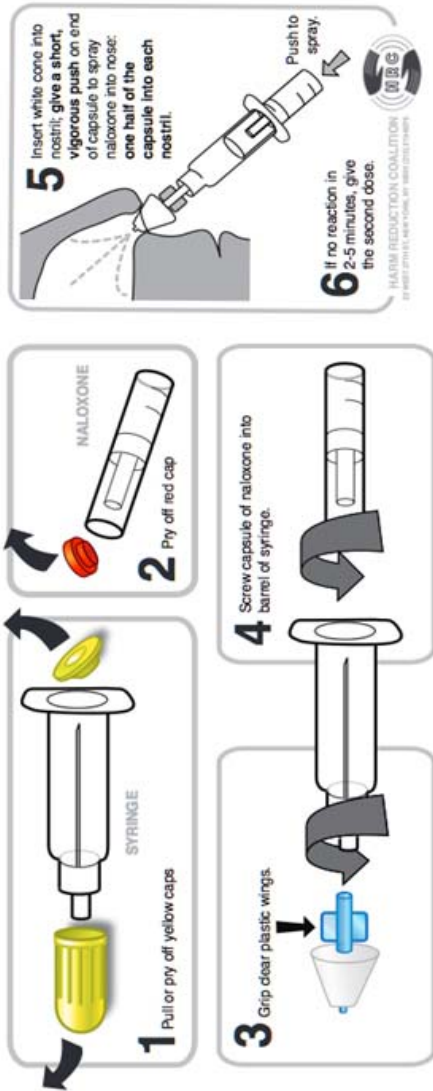
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# NARCAN NASAL SPRAY

## HOW TO GIVE NASAL SPRAY NARCAN



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**Give NARCAN Nasal Spray**

**Remove** NARCAN Nasal Spray from the box. Peel back the tab with the circle to open the NARCAN Nasal Spray.

**Hold** the NARCAN nasal spray with your thumb on the bottom of the plunger and your first and middle fingers on either side of the nozzle.

**Gently insert the tip of the nozzle into either nostril.**

- Tilt the person's head back and provide support under the neck with your hand. Gently insert the tip of the nozzle into **one nostril**, until your fingers on either side of the nozzle are against the bottom of the person's nose.

**Press the plunger firmly** to give the dose of NARCAN Nasal Spray.

- Remove the NARCAN Nasal Spray from the nostril after giving the dose.

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## APPENDIX B

### SUGGESTED EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES FOR PHARMACISTS

[http://www.opioidprescribing.com/naloxone\\_module\\_1-landing](http://www.opioidprescribing.com/naloxone_module_1-landing)

<https://cpnp.org/guideline/naloxone>

<https://www.prescribetoprevent.org>

<http://store.samhsa.gov/product/Opioid-Overdose-Prevention-Toolkit-Updated-2016/SMA16-4742>

<https://www.evzio.com/>

<http://www.narcan.com/>

<https://scpa.memberclicks.net/assets/Events/naloxone-ondemand-scpha%20code%202.pdf>

Regarding Intranasal Mucosal Atomizing Devices (MAD 300) availability:

Teleflex (866-246-6990) or

Safety Works, Inc. (800-723-3892)

**Affirmation of Eligibility and Informed Consent for Naloxone Dispensed Without a Prescription**

**Purchaser's Name:**

**Purchaser's Address:**

**Purchaser's Date of Birth:**

**APPENDIX C**

**AFFIRMATION OF ELIGIBILITY AND INFORMED CONSENT FOR NALOXONE DISPENSED  
WITHOUT A PRESCRIPTION**

**AFFIRMATION OF ELIGIBILITY TO PURCHASE NALOXONE**

By signing below, I hereby affirm that either:

I *am* at risk of experiencing an opioid-related overdose. I have received patient overdose information, including risk factors of overdose, signs of an overdose, overdose response steps, and information about the use of Naloxone from the pharmacist dispensing Naloxone to me.

OR

I *am not* personally at risk of an opioid-related overdose, but I am the caregiver of a person who is at risk of experiencing an opioid-related overdose and am in a position to assist this person in the event of an opioid-related overdose. I have received patient overdose information, including risk factors of overdose, signs of an overdose, overdose response steps, and information about the use of Naloxone from the pharmacist dispensing Naloxone to me.

**INFORMED CONSENT OF NALOXONE PURCHASER**

By signing below, I acknowledge that this pharmacy is providing Naloxone to me without a prescription based upon my affirmation of eligibility to purchase Naloxone. I understand the eligibility to purchase Naloxone without a prescription is not a substitute for an ongoing relationship with a primary care provider to address ongoing medical issues and opioid overdose prevention. I understand the pharmacy will provide the primary care provider I identify with records of the Naloxone purchase so that my medical records may be complete and that it is recommended that I take my personal records with me to my next appointment as well.

I have received written materials or verbal instructions about the medication Naloxone. I understand the risks and benefits of using Naloxone, how to prevent and recognize an opioid overdose, and the importance of calling 911 emergency telephone services for medical assistance with an opioid overdose. I have been provided an opportunity to learn how to administer the correct dosage of Naloxone and ask questions, which have been answered to my satisfaction, and have been advised on how to care for an overdose victim after the administration of Naloxone. I wish to receive the Naloxone and hereby give consent for the dispensing pharmacist identified below to provide this document to the primary care practitioner, who is listed below.

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Naloxone Purchaser's Signature

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Date

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Naloxone Purchaser's Designated Primary Care Physician

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Name of Dispensing Pharmacist

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Contact Information for Dispensing Pharmacist