

NARCAN[®] Nasal Spray

Individuals or caregivers who may have to administer NARCAN should review this information ahead of time in case of an opioid emergency. Use NARCAN Nasal Spray only as prescribed. Talk to your healthcare provider if you have any questions about how to use NARCAN.

WHAT IS NARCAN NASAL SPRAY?

NARCAN Nasal Spray is a potentially lifesaving medication used to treat opioid overdose in adults and children. Typically, the medicine in NARCAN (naloxone hydrochloride) is delivered in a predetermined dose of 2 or 4 mg with a single spray. NARCAN is easy to use and requires no assembly or medical training.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

When used, NARCAN can reverse the symptoms of an opioid emergency within minutes by binding to the opioid receptors in the brain and blocking their effects. This action can rapidly restore normal breathing and consciousness in a person experiencing an overdose. NARCAN does not affect people who are not taking opioids. It should always be kept on hand in case of an opioid emergency.

WHO SHOULD NOT USE NARCAN NASAL SPRAY?

Do not use if you are allergic to naloxone hydrochloride or any of its inactive ingredients:

- Benzalkonium chloride (preservative)
- Disodium ethylenediaminetetraacetate (stabilizer)
- Sodium chloride
- Hydrochloric acid to adjust pH
- Sterile water

NARCAN Nasal Spray is not made with natural rubber latex.



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HOW DO YOU USE NARCAN?

- 1 Administer NARCAN Nasal Spray immediately if signs of an opioid emergency are present. Even if you are unsure, using NARCAN is advised since an opioid overdose can be life-threatening. Symptoms of an opioid emergency may include unusual sleepiness or inability to wake the person up, slow or shallow breathing, and small pupils.
- 2 Lay the person on their back and support their neck with your hand. Allow the head to tilt back before giving a dose of the spray into one nostril. If additional doses are needed, administer them in the other nostril. Each NARCAN Nasal Spray contains only one dose of medicine and cannot be reused.
- 3 Get emergency medical help right away after giving the first dose of NARCAN. Rescue breathing or CPR may be administered while waiting for the emergency personnel.
- 4 The signs of an opioid emergency can return after NARCAN is administered. If this happens, give another dose after 2 to 3 minutes using a new nasal spray device and watch the person closely until emergency help arrives.

WHAT ARE THE POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS?

NARCAN Nasal Spray may cause serious side effects, including sudden opioid withdrawal symptoms in people who use opioids regularly. Withdrawal symptoms may include:

- Body aches
- Diarrhea
- Increased heart rate
- Fever
- Runny nose
- Sneezing
- Goose bumps
- Sweating
- Yawning
- Nausea or vomiting
- Nervousness
- Restlessness or irritability
- Shivering or trembling
- Stomach cramping
- Weakness
- Increased blood pressure

These are not all the possible side effects. Consult your healthcare provider for medical advice about side effects. Report any side effects to the FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or www.fda.gov/medwatch.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

Nura may prescribe an opioid reversal agent like NARCAN to people participating in our Chronic Opioid Management (COM) Program or using a pain pump.

