

REVIVE. SURVIVE. OVERDOSE PREVENTION TOOLKIT

ADDRESSING THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC IN
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA THROUGH A
UNIQUE CONTINUUM OF CARE AND
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ABOUT OUR TOOLKIT



Odyssey House Louisiana, Inc. (OHL) offers comprehensive and compassionate services that support individuals through their addiction treatment and recovery process, while also advocating for larger access to equitable healthcare throughout Louisiana. Throughout its multiple programs, OHL provides services to over 900 individuals each month. We use evidence-based practices to guide our programs and are nationally recognized as a model substance use treatment program.

OHL's Prevention Department supports the agency's mission and vision by providing services directly to community members. We prioritize providing equitable services while creating easily accessible and non-judgmental spaces for all.

OHL's Revive. Survive. OverDose Prevention Program (Revive. Survive. ODP) is a five-year SAMHSA funded grant designed to address and alleviate the opioid epidemic in New Orleans.

The Revive. Survive. OverDose Prevention Program is pleased to provide you with this year's



REVIVE. SURVIVE. OVERDOSE PREVENTION TOOLKIT: Addressing the Opioid Epidemic in New Orleans, Louisiana Through A Unique Continuum of Care and Evidence Based Research

This toolkit was developed through evidence-based research; New Orleans-specific research conducted by Revive. Survive. ODP; overdose prevention trainings; community outreach; and, naloxone distribution. If you are interested in the 2018 Toolkit for Prescribing, Co-Prescribing, and Distributing FDA Approved Overdose Reversal Drugs (Naloxone) to the New Orleans Community please [click here](#).

This toolkit provides a deep dive into the Revive. Survive. ODP's approach, findings, research, lessons learned, and recommendations. Efforts led by Revive. Survive. ODP address and alleviate the opioid epidemic affecting our New Orleans community. We aim to:

- Increase awareness and implementation of the Harm Reduction Approach throughout New Orleans;
- Increase access to naloxone;
- Develop naloxone distribution workflow recommendations for treatment facilities, Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), and Community Based Organizations (CBOs);
- Train prescribers, pharmacists, clients, and community members on the overview of the opioid epidemic, naloxone administration and access, and tools to address the needs of individuals suffering with addiction;
- Identify and serve priority populations;
- Increase access to treatment services; and,
- Facilitate citywide partnerships and capacity with pharmacists, health care providers, social service agencies, community members, and local governance.

Collectively, we can develop and strengthen our strategies, resources, tools, and data collection efforts to address the unique needs of New Orleans. Through this approach, Revive. Survive. ODP is determined to improve the overall health outcomes of all New Orleanians.

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GLOSSARY OF TERMS



To reduce stigma, consider these 5 questions:

- **Are you using “person first” language?**
Avoid labeling individuals as problems. Use “a person with substance use disorder” rather than “drug abuser” or “addict”.
- **Are you conflating substance use and substance use disorder?**
An individual who uses or has used substances in the past does not necessarily experience the symptoms associated with substance use disorder. For example, avoid assuming that if someone has used heroin for example, that they suffer from SUD or addiction.
- **Are you using technical language rather than colloquialism or words with inconsistent definitions?**
Be sure you are up to date with the most current clinical and technical language to avoid perpetuating stigmatizing language. For example, “substitution/replacement treatment” implies that one opioid is being substituted for another and perpetuates the stigma of “once an addict, always an addict”. Instead, “medication-assisted treatment” (MAT) or “pharmacotherapy for opioid use disorder” is more appropriate.
- **Are you using sensational or fear-based language?**
Avoid using language that sensationalizes substance use and correlated risks.
- **Are you unintentionally perpetuating drug related moral panic?**
Verbiage such as “crack baby” and “junky” places blame on the individual and results in moral panic and marginalization. The fear of judgement and mistreatment by medical professionals often prevents individuals from getting the services they need.

Source: SAMHSA: Words Matter: How Language Choice Can Reduce Stigma

- **How hard I have been trying not to use**
- **That I still have potential**
- **As a human being**
- **As he would his own family**
- **As a normal person**

Responses from OHL Clients When Asked “How Do You Wish the World Would See You?”

Abstinence: in the context of substance use disorder, abstinence refers to refraining from alcohol or drug use.

Acute Pain: is an expected physiologic experience to harmful stimuli that can become pathologic, is normally sudden in onset, time limited, and motivates behaviors to avoid actual or potential tissue injuries.

Addiction: Addiction is a treatable, chronic medical disease involving complex interactions among brain circuits, genetics, the environment, and an individual's life experiences. People with addiction use substances or engage in behaviors that become compulsive and often continue despite harmful consequences. Prevention efforts and treatment approaches for addiction are generally as successful as those for other chronic diseases.

Agonist: a substance that acts on or binds to a neuronal receptor to produce effects similar to those of a reference drug.

Antagonist: a substance that counteracts the effects of another agent. Pharmacologically, an antagonist interacts with a receptor to inhibit the action of an agonist that produces specific physiological or behavioral effects mediated by that receptor.

Analog: Drugs that are similar in chemical structure or pharmacological effect to another drug, but are not identical. The number of fentanyl analogs contribute the increasing number of fentanyl related fatalities.

Benzodiazepines: are sedatives used to treat anxiety, insomnia, and other conditions. Combining benzodiazepines with opioids increases a person's risk of overdose and death.

Biopsychosocial: refers to a medical problem or intervention that combines biological, psychological, and social elements.

Buprenorphine: is a partial opioid agonist that is used to treat opioid addiction as well as acute and chronic pain. Exhibits agonist effects at mu and delta opioid receptors and antagonist effects at kappa opioid receptors. Component of Suboxone (buprenorphine/naloxone), a medication used for MAT.

Chronic Pain: is pain that occurs on at least half the days for six months or more.

Delirium: an acute organic cerebral syndrome characterized by concurrent disturbances of consciousness, attention, perception, orientation, thinking, memory, psychomotor behavior, emotion, and sleep-wake cycles. Delirium tremens may occur during alcohol-induced withdrawal.

Dependence: a cluster of physiological, behavioral and cognitive phenomena in which the use of a substance or a class of substances takes on a much higher priority for a given individual than other behaviors that once had greater value.

Depressant: any agent that suppresses, inhibits, or decreases some aspects of central nervous system activity.

Detoxification (Detox): also referred to as a managed withdrawal or supported withdrawal, detox is the supported cessation of a psychoactive substance.

Disparity: in the context of health, is a particular type of health difference that is closely linked with social, economic, and/or environmental disadvantages. Health disparities adversely affect groups of people that have systematically experienced greater obstacles to health based on their racial or ethnic group, religion, socioeconomic status, gender, age, mental health, cognitive, sensory, or physical disability, sexual orientation or gender identity, geographic

location, or other characteristics historically linked to discrimination or exclusion.

Extended-release/long acting opioids: slower-acting medication with a longer duration of pain-relieving action.

Fentanyl: a synthetic opioid significantly more potent than morphine or heroin. Evidence of fentanyl has been found in a growing number of overdose fatalities, either mixed with another substance or by itself.

Harm Reduction: is a set of practical strategies and ideas aimed at reducing negative consequences associated with drug use. Harm Reduction is also a movement for social justice built on a belief in, and respect for, the rights of people who use drugs.

Heroin: an opioid drug synthesized from morphine.

Illicit Drug: the use of a variety of drugs that are prohibited by law. This includes illicitly produced and distributed substances as well as prescriptions medication consumed by someone other than the prescribed.

Immediate-release opioids: Faster-acting medication with a shorter duration of pain-relieving action.

Integrated Health Care: Is a model that includes the systematic coordination of general and behavioral healthcare. Integrating mental health, substance abuse, and primary care services produces the best outcomes and proves the most effective approach to caring for people with multiple healthcare needs.

Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT): combines behavioral therapy and medications to treat substance use disorders such as opioid addiction. Methadone, buprenorphine/naloxone (Suboxone) and naltrexone (Vivitrol) are some medications used in MAT.

Methadone: a long-acting opioid agonist medication used in MAT for opioid addiction, often taken as an oral solution in specially designated clinics referred to as Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs).

Naloxone: generic name for opioid-overdose reversal medication, also known by the brand name NARCAN. This medication is safe, has no addictive potential, and is appropriate for layperson use. It can be administered as a nasal spray, intramuscular injection, or an auto-injector.

Naltrexone: an opioid antagonist medication use in MAT that helps prevent opioid cravings.

Nonmedical use: taking a medication prescribed to another or taking prescribed medication for an unauthorized amount, frequency, duration of time or indication.

Non-opioid therapy: methods of managing pain that does not involve opioids. These methods can include but are not limited to, acetaminophen (Tylenol) or ibuprofen (Advil), cognitive behavioral therapy, physical therapy, acupuncture, meditation, exercise, medications for depression or for seizures, or interventional therapies (injections).

Opioid: natural, synthetic, or semi-synthetic chemicals that interact with opioid receptors on nerve cells in the body and brain and reduce the intensity of pain signals and feelings of pain. In addition to pain relief they produce feelings of euphoria.

Opiate: refer to specifically natural opioids such as heroin, morphine, and codeine.

Overdose: the use of any drug in such an amount that acute adverse physical or mental effects are produced. Overdoses may result in lasting detrimental effects or death.

Peer Support Specialist: a person willing to self-identify as having a serious mental health condition or addictive disorder with lived, personal experiences. Specific training and/or specialized certification is typically provided to these individuals. The role of a peer support specialist is to support others in the recovery process.

Psychosocial Intervention: any non-pharmacological intervention carried out in a therapeutic context at an individual, family, or group level. Psychosocial interventions can be structured, professionally-administered interventions such as cognitive behavioral therapy or insight-oriented psychotherapy. They can also be non-professional interventions such as self-help groups, financial support, legal support, employment assistance, information and outreach.

Physical Dependence: adaptation to a drug that produces tolerance and symptoms of physical withdrawal when the drug is stopped.

Rebound Toxicity: the re-emergence of respiratory depression and other features of opioid overdose following the temporary reversal of opioid overdose symptoms with an opioid antagonist such as naloxone.

Recovery: a process of change through which individuals improve their health and wellness, live a self-directed life, and strive to reach their full potential. Individuals with severe and chronic substance use disorder can, with help, overcome their substance use disorder and regain health and social functioning.

Relapse/Recurrence: a return to substance use after a period of abstinence, often accompanied by reinstatement of dependence symptoms. The Stages of Change Model identifies relapse as a normal progress in the cycle of change.

Suboxone: is a medication used to treat opioid addiction. It is a mixed opioid agonist-antagonist composed of buprenorphine and naloxone.

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA): the agency within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) that leads public health efforts to advance the behavioral health (mental illness and addiction) of the nation.

Substance Use Disorder (SUD): a medical illness caused by repeated use of a substance or substances causing clinically significant impairments in health, social function, and control over subsequent substance use. Substance use disorders are diagnosed through assessing cognitive, behavioral, psychological symptoms. Moderate to severe substance use disorders are commonly referred to as addiction.

Stigma: is defined as an attribute, behavior, or condition that is socially discrediting. It is influenced through the understanding of cause and controllability being either internal or external. The misconception that addiction is a choice and an individual has caused it or can control it has resulted in significant stigma surrounding substance use disorder. As a result, individuals with addiction are less likely than those with other medical conditions, to receive treatment, remain engaged in treatment, or receive adequate services unrelated to addiction. The resulting health disparities illustrate the need for improvements in practice and services.

Syringe Service Programs (SSPs): also known as needle-exchange programs, work to reduce the spread of infectious diseases such as Hepatitis C and HIV by removing used injection equipment from circulation. Research shows that through wrap around services and referrals to

addiction treatment SSPs reduce the number of active injection drug users in their area.

Tolerance: a symptom of physical dependence in which higher doses of a drug are required to produce the same effect achieved previously. Opioids are known for producing physiologic tolerance.

Transtheoretical Model of Change/Stages of Change Model: The transtheoretical model posits that health behavior change involves progress through six stages of change: pre-contemplation, contemplation, preparation, action, maintenance, and recurrence. Ten processes of change have been identified for producing progress along with decisional balance, self-efficacy, and temptations.

Trauma: Trauma results from an event, series of events, or set of circumstances that is experienced by an individual as physically or emotionally harmful or life threatening and that has lasting adverse effects on the individual's functioning and mental, physical, social, emotional, or spiritual well-being. Although many individuals report a single specific traumatic event, others, especially those seeking mental health or addiction treatment services, have been exposed to multiple or chronic traumatic events.

Trauma Informed Approach: A trauma-informed approach to the delivery of health services includes an understanding of trauma and an awareness of the impact it can have across settings, services, and populations. It involves viewing trauma through an ecological and cultural lens and recognizing that context plays a significant role in how individuals perceive and process traumatic events, whether acute or chronic.

Withdrawal: a group of symptoms of variable clustering and degree of severity that occur on cessation or reduction of the use of a psychoactive substance that has been taken repeatedly. Depending on the substance and level of physiological dependence, withdrawal can be fatal. Opioid withdrawal is not typically fatal. The following are common opioid withdrawal symptoms: stress, anxiety, depression, and flu like symptoms including nausea, vomiting, sneezing, and cramping.

Commonly Used Acronyms

Adverse Childhood Experiences	ACEs
Center for Disease Control	CDC
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services	CMS
Drug Enforcement Administration	DEA
Federally Qualified Health Center	FQHC
Food and Drug Administration	FDA
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services	HHS
Illicitly Manufactured Fentanyl	IMF
Intensive Outpatient Program	IOP
Louisiana Health Department	LHD
Louisiana Public Health Institute	LPHI
Medication Assisted Treatment	MAT
Metropolitan Human Services District	MHSD
National Institute of Health	NIH
Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome	NAS
Neonatal Opioid Withdrawal Syndrome	NOWS
New Orleans Health Department	NOHD
New Orleans Syringe Access Program	NOSAP
Odyssey House Louisiana	OHL
Office of Behavioral Health	OBH
Office of National Drug Control Policy	ONDCP
Opioid Related Diagnoses	ORD
Opioid Treatment Program	OTP
Opioid Use Disorder	OUD
Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office	OPSO
People Who Use Drugs	PWUD
Prescription Drug Monitoring Program	PDMP
Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral Treatment	SBIRT
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration	SAMHSA
Substance Use Disorder	SUD

PROGRAM OVERVIEW



OHL's Revive. Survive. OverDose Prevention is a five-year SAHMSA funded program. We aim to address and alleviate the opioid epidemic in New Orleans by the development and implementation of a unique multi-faceted program providing comprehensive quality care supporting the unique needs of the New Orleans community.

The team is comprised of three full time staff: Director: Helena Likaj, MPH, Supervisor: Lee Reisman, LMSW, and Outreach Coordinator: Areial Watts. The team is supported by Policy and Research Group Evaluators Carolyn Kelly and Teresa Smith, as well as various essential volunteers including students from Tulane's School of Medicine, OHL clients, and OHL graduates.

In year 2, October 1, 2018 -September 30, 2019, we have developed, implemented, managed and strengthened our various approaches, ensuring that we are best meeting the needs of our community and the infrastructures throughout agencies are as well.

We are intentional in applying a health equity lens to each body of work, ensuring we are using a culturally humble, easily digestible, visually appealing, and community centered approach. These bodies of work include trainings, naloxone distribution, outreach, and linkage to care.

Trainings:

Using information made available in the *Revive. Survive. ODP 2018 Toolkit for Prescribing, Co-Prescribing, and Distributing FDA Approved Overdose Reversal Drugs (Naloxone) to the New Orleans Community*, the Revive. Survive. ODP team has developed various trainings for specific audiences. The need for trainings was made apparent in the Revive. Survive. ODP's 2018 needs assessment, therefore unique trainings have been developed for high risk populations, community service providers, pharmacists, prescribers, and general community members.

Topics discussed include but are not limited to:

- Opioid Epidemic Rates
- Naloxone Administration
- Local Laws and Regulations around Naloxone Access and Administration
- Stigma Surrounding Substance Use and Language
- Incorporating Trauma Informed Care
- Incorporating Harm Reduction Principles
- Reviewing OHL's Prescribing and Co Prescribing Protocols
- Various Activities: centered on open dialogue and leaving with skills/tools to be implemented outside training
- Understanding of Addiction and Treatment Options

To ensure our trainings are made available to all New Orleanians, the Revive. Survive. ODP team has promoted trainings to various entities via social media, flyering, distribution via email chains, and holding meetings with stakeholders. Trainings occur as requested and via establishment of various partnerships. We have seen a great interest from partners at various local agencies, direct service providers, colleges, and community members to attend our trainings. Unfortunately, although we conducted outreach to pharmacists and prescribers, we have not seen a great interest from pharmacists nor prescribers to attend our trainings. Various trainings from other agencies are occurring simultaneously throughout the city, which may be

impacting our rate of participation from prescribers and pharmacists. The Revive. Survive. ODP team are providing trainings regularly to:

- OHL Detox Clients weekly
- OHL Residential Clients biweekly
- Currently incarcerated individuals at Orleans Parish Sheriff Office weekly
- Low Barrier Shelter Residents monthly
- Individuals accessing resources at Crescent Care's New Orleans Syringe Service Program weekly

From October 1, 2018- September 30, 2019 we have trained:

- 864 OHL Clients Trained
- 1,356 Community Members Trained at Low Barrier Shelter Orleans Parish Sheriff Office, New Orleans Syringe Access Program, General Community trainings, and Community Service Providers
- 17 Pharmacists
- 3 Prescribers

Below you will find characteristics of individuals trained by the Revive. Survive. ODP Team from Year One and Two:

Table A2. Employment Characteristics of All Trainees

Characteristic	All Trainees	In Receipt of Naloxone
Employed²³	<i>n</i> = 798	<i>n</i> = 313
Yes	53.5%	37.4%
First responders	<i>n</i> = 27	<i>n</i> = 7
Police officer	3.7%	0.0%
Firefighter	22.2%	42.9%
Emergency medical technician	33.3%	28.6%
Medical personnel at school or institution	33.3%	14.3%
Multiple responses	7.4%	14.3%
Healthcare professionals	<i>n</i> = 87	<i>n</i> = 2
Physician	2.3%	0.0%
Physician assistant	1.1%	0.0%
Nursing profession	67.8%	0.0%
Pharmacist	11.5%	0.0%
Pharmacy staff member	3.4%	50.0%
Other	13.8%	50.0%
Licensed to prescribe medication	<i>n</i> = 13	<i>n</i> = 3
Yes	61.5%	0.0%
Licensed pharmacist	<i>n</i> = 17	<i>n</i> = 1
Yes	76.5%	100%
Direct service providers	<i>n</i> = 294	<i>n</i> = 109
Public service	16.0%	13.8%
Non-profit services	17.7%	3.7%
Education	3.4%	3.7%
Housing	5.1%	2.8%
Hospitality	3.1%	3.7%
Food and/or beverage	14.3%	23.9%
Retail	2.4%	2.8%
Construction	3.7%	7.3%
Student	4.1%	0.0%
Other	24.1%	31.2%
Multiple responses	6.1%	7.3%

²³ The number of individuals considered *employed* includes 157 individuals who responded to more specific employment questions, but did not respond to the question, "Are you currently employed?"

Various individuals who have attended trainings have shared valuable feedback:

- OPSO training attendee was very grateful for receiving training and certificate. They said that the certificate assisted in them being placed in our residential program.
- NOSAP attendee coming for refill, was trained week prior. They had to use the naloxone kits received and said that because of the training, knew exactly what to do and did not get nervous. Successfully revived individual.

In addition to feedback, the Revive. Survive. ODP team wanted to ensure we are measuring the effectiveness of our trainings; therefore, we have developed pretests and posttests that are administered to attendees before and after each training. Below are our findings from trainings conducted from October 1, 2018-June 30, 2019:

We have seen statistically significant change in:

- Pharmacy staffs' self-reported knowledge of:
 - Opioids and opioid use disorder treatment
 - Opioid overdose including risk, symptoms, prevention, and response/treatment methods
 - Prescribing and dispensing naloxone
- Community members' self-reported knowledge of:
 - Opioids and opioid use disorder treatment
 - Opioid overdose including risk, symptoms, prevention, and response/treatment methods
 - Pharmacy staffs' belief about addiction, stigma, and client care
- Pharmacy staff's attitudes and self-efficacy related to naloxone distribution and administration as measured by:
 - Belief in responsibility to carry naloxone
 - Self-efficacy to effectively administer naloxone
 - Perceived comfort education pharmacy customers on naloxone related topics
 - Community members beliefs about addiction and stigma
- Community members' attitudes and self-efficacy related to naloxone distribution and administration as measured by:
 - Belief in responsibility to carry naloxone
 - Self-efficacy to effectively administer naloxone

Outreach:



Photo: Revive. Survive. OverDose Prevention Team Members Conducting Outreach

Building rapport with community members is a critical component of OHL's Prevention Department. Therefore, it was vital that we integrated Revive. Survive. ODP's team into established efforts and expanded our efforts to best serve our community. Daily staff members are in the field conducting active outreach, flyering, and hosting events. While in the field staff are distributing literature and resources, meeting individuals where they are, providing comprehensive care to individuals including naloxone access information, trainings, referrals to OHL programs and other programs as we recognize our services may not best meet the needs of all individuals, Medicaid enrollment, clinic appointment setting at our Federally Qualified Health Center, and HIV and Hep C testing. All staff and volunteers are trained by Director to conduct active, non-biased, compassionate outreach. The ongoing trainings ensure staff comprehend and lead with Harm Reduction principles, Trauma Informed Care, and Stages of Change in mind.

The moment a staff member enters the community, the opportunity to build a meaningful relationship with the residents begins. We are mindful that when interacting with one community member, we are also interacting with this individual's social network. We must ensure we are equipped to meet the needs of this individual, and ensure we are a constant presence delivering the various services we offer. Building rapport with our community members is essential as we are able to truly support in meeting their needs, as well as ensure their treatment with the agency is a positive experience. While building rapport within the community, we also gain

valuable insight regarding the issues impacting individuals in the community that will support and guide the development and implementation of our program. For instance, once we have built meaningful relationships with our community members, we are able to receive feedback on our resources, our approach, and areas we should conduct outreach. As the image below shows, Outreach is one component of OHL's continuum of care. The team meets an individual in the field and are able to provide a plethora of services, including on the spot referrals and transportation to our various facilities. If the referral occurs successfully, the community member will then see the staff conduct trainings in Detox, conduct trainings in Residential, provide HIV and Hep C education and testing in our facilities, and so on. We build a level of trust, respect, and familiarity with our clients and community members.

Below you will find a few of our various experiences while conducting outreach in the field and the impact it has had with our community members:

"A client that was referred while conducting outreach saw Helena in Detox on Monday morning. She was eager to share that she has completed her detox and is moving to OHL's 28-day program. She asked for a hug and shared with everyone that Helena was the one who got her to Detox. She is now in OHL's long term program and is volunteering with the Revive. Survive. ODP Team."

"A client was at NOSAP receiving training and had not heard about Odyssey's Detox program. Today at Detox he came up to thank us, saying he was here at Detox because of our information, and that he would not be alive if it weren't for us."

"A client that was referred while I was conducting outreach at NOSAP went into detox the very next day. She is now on her third week at short term residential. She has not missed one Revive. Survive. ODP training since becoming a client. During my last training she told the entire group that "Areial was God's angel sent to save my life that day."



In addition to providing direct outreach throughout the New Orleans community, we have established partnerships with agencies to distribute various Revive. Survive. OverDose Prevention resources that support linkage to care. This includes but is not limited to the development of a language guide to ensure individuals are using non-stigmatizing language to community members and clients, a daily email that is sent out to stakeholders regarding bed availability to our treatment facilities with a referral resource linked, as well as developing and equipping EMS, Police Department, Fire Department, Probation & Parole along with other stakeholders with resources regarding accessing naloxone and treatment providers. Together we can collectively address and alleviate the opioid epidemic and link our community members with the various resources they deserve.

From October 1, 2018- September 30, 2019 OHL's Prevention Department, including efforts from Revive. Survive. OverDose Prevention staff, have provided:

- 101 referrals to OHL Detox/Residential
- 18 referrals to treatment, counseling and/or MAT at another provider
- 87 Medicaid Enrollments
- 329 HIV Tests
- 299 Hepatitis C Tests
- Hepatitis A Vaccines in Detox and Residential

Naloxone Distribution

To ensure the New Orleans community has access to the lifesaving resource Naloxone, the Revive. Survive. ODP team has included naloxone access in every aspect of our work. As data shows, individuals leaving treatment programs, are at higher risk for an overdose, therefore it was essential that we developed a workflow that ensured all clients leaving OHL's Detox and Residential facilities received naloxone. From October 1, 2018- September 30, 2019, 500+ naloxone kits were provided to OHL clients, which includes 2 doses and an educational instruction packet developed by the Revive. Survive. ODP team. In addition, we have developed a protocol within our Federally Qualified Health Center to ensure that all clients are equipped with Naloxone kits.

Additionally, we have developed workflows to ensure we are meeting individuals where they are to ensure they are accessing naloxone. During outreach efforts, staff are equipped to train and distribute naloxone to individuals who are unable to access naloxone elsewhere. Through this new initiative we have distributed 58 naloxone kits. There have been 16 instances where individuals received additional naloxone kits (each kit contains 2 doses of naloxone, a face mask, and an educational pamphlet developed by the Revive. Survive. ODP Team). From the data we have been able to gather from community members, 4 reversals have occurred from the naloxone kits distributed via outreach.

We have strengthened our partnership with Crescent Care's New Orleans Syringe Access Program (NOSAP) to distribute Naloxone as part of our continuum of care outreach, every Friday from 12pm-5pm. While at NOSAP, Revive. Survive. ODP staff provide trainings, referrals and transportation to OHL's treatment programs, naloxone access and collect various data points. From October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2019, Crescent Care's New Orleans Syringe Access Program and OHL's Revive. Survive. OverDose Prevention Project has provided 1677 naloxone kits (each kit contains 2 doses of IM naloxone, a face mask, and an educational pamphlet developed by the Revive. Survive. ODP Team). Of which 943 naloxone kits have been provided to individuals who have previously received a naloxone kit at NOSAP. From the data we have been able to gather from community members, 742 reversals have occurred from the naloxone kits distributed at NOSAP.



Photo: Revive. Survive. OverDose Prevention Naloxone Kit

IN THE EVENT OF AN OPIOID OVERDOSE:

1. Recognize signs and symptoms of an opioid overdose:

- Unresponsive, can't wake up
- Body is limp
- Blue/dark purple fingernails and lips
- Breathing is slow or stopped
- Pulse is slow or stopped
- Snore-like gurgling noise

2. Call 9-1-1

All you have to say: "Someone is not responsive and not breathing." Give the operator a clear address and location.

3. Administer Naloxone:

Turn this booklet over to review naloxone assembly and use.

4. Provide rescue breathing:

Lay them on their back. Make sure the airway is clear and nothing is in their mouth (ie: gum, undissolved pills, syringe cap, etc). Using a barrier protection for your mouth, tilt head back, seal your mouth over theirs, pinch nose, and give breath, making sure their chest rises. Repeat 1 breath every 5 seconds.

5. Check:

If the person is still unresponsive after 3-5 minutes, administer a second dose of naloxone and continue rescue breaths.

6. Wait for EMS:

If you leave before the EMS arrives, place the person in the recovery position, on their side, and leave empty naloxone doses on the ground in front of their eyes.



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Additional services offered by OHL:

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In case of overdose:

1 CALL 911 - Give naloxone

If no reaction in 3 minutes, give second naloxone dose if available

2 Rescue breathing or chest compressions

Follow 911 dispatcher instructions

3 After naloxone

Stay with person for at least 3 hours or until help arrives

Injection

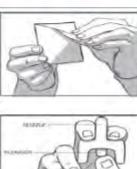
VIAL

- 1—Flip off the cap to reveal latex seal.
- 2—Turn vial upside down. Pull plunger all the way down to trigger safety. (retraction)
- 3—Inject into muscle. Press plunger all the way down to trigger safety. (retraction)



Nasal spray

- 1—Remove naloxone nasal spray from the box.
- 2—Peel back the tab with the circle to open the naloxone nasal spray.
- 3—Hold the naloxone nasal spray with your thumb on the bottom of the plunger and your first and middle fingers on either side of the nozzle.
- 4—DO NOT PRIME OR TEST THE SPRAY DEVICE. 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.
- 5—Press the plunger firmly to give the dose. Remove the spray device from the nostril.
- 6—if no reaction in 2-3 minutes or if person stops breathing again, repeat steps 3-5 of naloxone in the OTHER nostril using a NEW spray device.



Auto-injector

- 1—Pull the auto-injector from the outer case.
- 2—Pull firmly to remove the red safety guard (do not touch the black base).
- 3—Place the black end against the middle of the outer thigh, through clothing if necessary, then firmly and hold in place for 5 seconds.
- 4—if no reaction in 2-3 minutes or if the person stops breathing again, give the second dose of naloxone using NEW auto-injector.



Source: www.azdhs.gov



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In addition to distributing naloxone directly, we are dedicated to building capacity throughout the community to access naloxone. We have successfully worked with the Low Barrier Shelter to acquire 300 naloxone doses for their clients that are distributed as part of our trainings. In addition, we have provided information regarding naloxone access to all community trainings raising awareness of the Standing Order, provided copies of the Standing Order, and have reached out to various pharmacies when community members have reported that they have been denied naloxone. Revive. Survive. ODP's Director reaches out to pharmacies that community members are reporting are not upholding the Standing Order and works with pharmacies to offer trainings. Most trainings have been turned down; however, it is important to establish that rapport with pharmacies and report incidents as part of our program.

Additionally, we have a 24/7 outreach phone that we have informed community members they can call at any time to receive more information on naloxone, trainings, report negative encounters accessing naloxone that will be followed up on, to call on the spot when pharmacists are refusing naloxone, and referrals to treatment programs.

Through our trainings, outreach, workflows, and capacity building, we have vastly increased access to naloxone.

The Revive. Survive. ODP team has successfully developed a multi-faceted program to serve the New Orleans community. We ensured that staff and individuals from the community we are serving were included in the development and implementation of our programs. Strategies, tactics, and resources changed throughout the year to meet the needs of our communities and ensure we are using resources strategically. Flexibility, strategic partnerships, community engagement, development of evaluation tools, and maintaining a community centered approach are vital in the success of our program. As we gear up for the next year of the grant, we are continuing with our current efforts and are hopeful to expand trainings, naloxone distribution and access, outreach, and linkage to care. Through current efforts and integration of capacity building throughout the city, partnerships, and webinar development we hope to see the impact of our services to increase.



Opioids

Opioids act by binding to different combinations of the three neuronal transmembrane opioid receptors μ , δ , and K . Opioids affinity to each of these receptors leads to their inherit differences in physiological outcomes and dependence. The opioid receptors affect breathing, digestion, pain perception, emotion, and pleasure. They have traditionally been used to treat both acute and chronic pain disorders; however, they may create a sense of euphoria when taken at high doses. Research has indicated that long-term opioid treatment results in increased tolerance, resulting in higher dosing and physiological dependence. As a result, opioids are highly addictive.

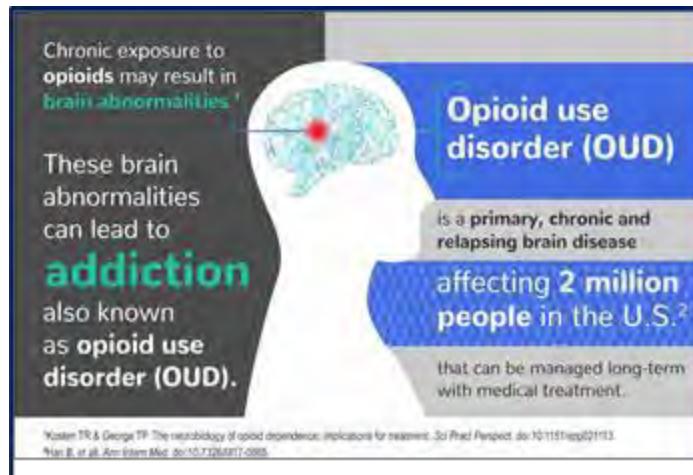
- How addictive opioids are
- The pain pills are addictive and will destroy my life
- About opioid overdoses

Responses from OHL Clients When Asked “What do you wish your doctor told you?”



Opioid Use Disorder

The separate entities of opioid abuse vs. opioid dependence in the DSM-IV have been replaced by the single diagnosis of Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) under the DSM-V criteria. OUD is considered an addictive disorder with the consumption of prescription opioid medications, heroin, and illicitly manufactured synthetic opioids taken alone or in combination. Addiction, is a brain based disease associated with structural and neurochemical abnormalities and can be chronic or reoccurring. Severity is separated by 11 criteria placing individuals under the categories of mild, moderate, or severe.



OUD, as paraphrased from the DSM-V, [87] includes but is not limited to:

1. Increased amount/duration of opioids than intended
2. Desire/inability to decrease or cease opioid use
3. Large time investment in procuring, using, and recovering
4. Craving/strong desire
5. Opioid use having a negative impact on social life and work
6. Potentially physically dangerous use
7. Continued use despite knowledge of negative impacts physically and mentally
8. Increased tolerance to opioids
9. Withdrawal symptom

Opioid Overdose

An overdose (OD) occurs when a toxic amount of a drug or combination of drugs impairs the physiological functions of the body. Opioids bind to the same receptors in the brain that signal breathing, and as a result, an opioid overdose causes respiratory depression and unresponsiveness. When breathing stops during an overdose, oxygen levels in the blood drop, this is typically identified when an individual's lips and fingers turn blue or ashy. Lack of oxygen in the blood causes vital organs including the heart and brain to stop functioning properly, and within 3-5 minutes damage to the brain begins. If the oxygen levels cannot be restored, an opioid overdose can become fatal. In preventing an overdose, it is important to be able to recognize overdose symptoms, administer naloxone if accessible, call for emergency medical services, and provide rescue breaths or if properly trained, CPR until EMS has arrived. [35] Keep in mind, individuals with a history of chronic opioid use will likely experience symptoms of withdrawal immediately after being revived. Additionally, because naloxone is metabolized more quickly than opioids, there is a risk of rebound-toxicity, in which the individual returns to a state of overdose after the naloxone has worn off.

How to recognize an **overdose** & what to do

If you think someone is having an overdose:
CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY!



Just a few seconds can make a big difference in saving someone's life.



Anyone can call 911. Police will not arrest you for calling.



Wait with the person until help arrives.



*Graphics for overdose signs courtesy of Fraser Health



Risk for opioid overdose increase when individuals: [59, 67, 96, and 35]

- Take high doses of opioids for long-term management of chronic pain;
- Receive rotating opioid medications (at risk for incomplete cross-tolerance);
- Are discharged from emergency medical care following poisoning or overdose;
- Have a medical history of addiction, and are seeking treatment for either acute or chronic pain;
- Take extended-release or long-acting opioids;
- Complete mandatory detoxification or abstinence programs;
- Have recently been released from incarceration and have a history of opioid use disorder.

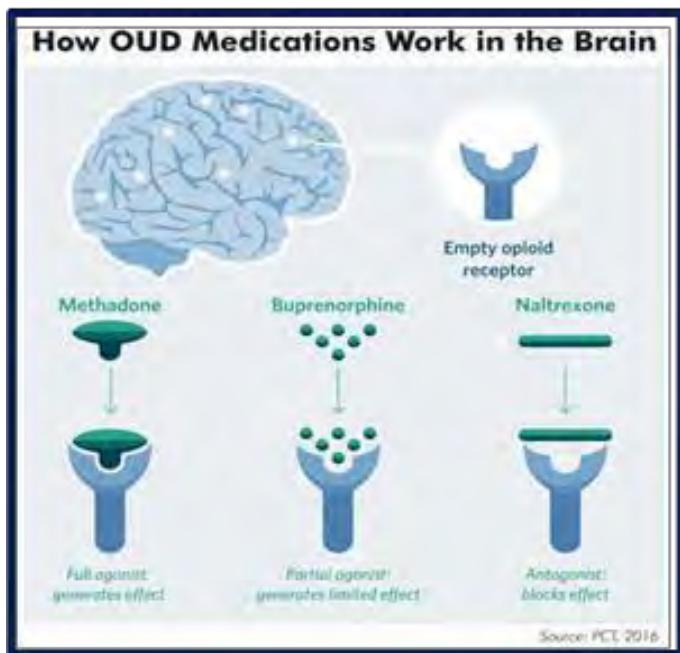
Opioid Use Disorder Treatment

There are a variety of addiction treatment options and specialized programs for opioid use disorder specifically. Medical Detox Programs, Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs), Office Based Opioid Treatment (OBOT), In-Patient, and Out-Patient services are all evidence-based treatment options. Long-term treatment for OUD consists of medical and nonmedical options—with a combination of both models showing the highest success. [88]

- *Medical Detox Programs*: are staffed with doctors and nurses who are trained to support patients through the process of withdrawals, often using prescribed medications to reduce the severity of certain symptoms and curb cravings.
- *Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs)*: are commonly known as methadone clinics although they offer all 3 MAT options. They must be certified by SAMHSA, licensed by the state in which they operate, and register with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). Louisiana regulations allows for one OTP per human service district. Refer to Appendix for local OTP, Behavioral Health Group (BHG).
- *Office Based Opioid Treatment (OBOT)*: refers to outpatient treatment services provided outside of licensed Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs) by clinicians to patients with addiction involving opioid use, and typically includes a prescription for the partial opioid agonist buprenorphine, the provision of naltrexone, or the dispensing of methadone, in concert with other medical and psychosocial interventions to achieve and sustain remission. Both the Drug Addiction Treatment Act of 2000 (DATA 2000 and the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA) of 2016 allowed more healthcare professionals to obtain waivers to prescribe controlled medications used for MAT services.
- *In-Patient Programs*: also known as residential treatment, require patients to check themselves into a controlled environment to overcome addiction. In- Patient Programs can be short or long term.
- *Out-Patient Programs*: is a non-residential, therapy-based type of treatment for addiction. Outpatient centers for addiction usually include group and individual counseling, as well as behavioral treatments.



Source: PEW <https://www.pewtrusts.org/en/research-and-analysis/fact-sheets/2016/11/medication-assisted-treatment-improves-outcomes-for-patients-with-opioid-use-disorder>



Source: National Institute on Drug Abuse <https://www.drugabuse.gov/publications/seeking-drug-abuse>

Nonmedical OUD Treatment	Medical OUD Treatment
<p><i>Psychosocial Interventions</i></p> <p>Professional interventions include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Psychotherapy such as Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Individual, Group, and Family Therapy • Psychoeducational Groups such as Overdose Prevention Trainings • Case Management and Care Coordination as provided through Integrative Services • Referrals to community services <p>Peer Support interventions include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Groups such as 12-Step programs (Narcotics Anonymous) 	<p><i>Agonist Medication</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Methadone— single daily dose of long- acting μ receptor opioid agonist. Reduces cravings/symptoms for 24+ hours and maintains high tolerance to opioids. Risk of QT prolongation at higher doses, increased chronic pain, p450 interaction and risk of overdose. [88] • Buprenorphine— Once daily partial μ receptor agonist given in combination with naloxone to decrease misuse potential. Low risk for overdose unless take with alcohol, benzodiazepines or other depressants. [88] <p><i>Antagonist Medication</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Naltrexone – Blocks the opioid receptor and leads to a decreased tolerance. Requires a period of abstinence to avoid precipitated withdrawal. Rare adverse effect of liver damage at high levels. [88] The oral form lacks real world efficacy and should be used mainly to transition to the monthly intramuscular form (Vivitrol).

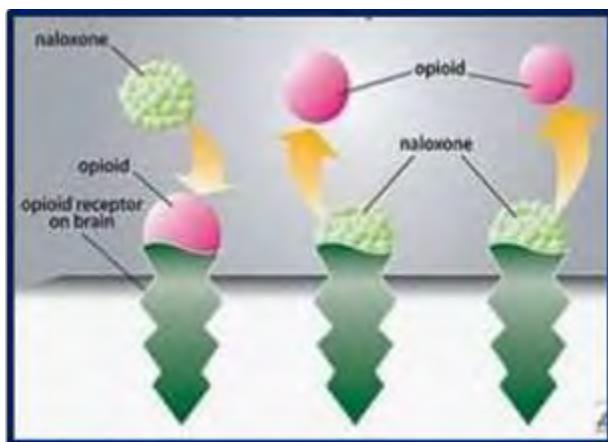
Naloxone

Naloxone is an opioid antagonist and can reverse the symptoms of an opioid overdose within minutes. It works by displacing opioid molecules from their receptors so that the effects of the opioids are immediately withdrawn [97]. Naloxone is intended for emergency response, and has proven to be effective and easy to use. It was approved for use by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in the early 1970's and has been used by medical professionals for decades. However, as the opioid epidemic strangled communities across the country, the consideration of public access and administration became a demand. The pharmaceutical company recognized this and designed products specifically for the medically untrained public. ADAPT Pharma, which just last year was acquired by Emergent BioSolutions, developed a nasal spray, NARCAN, which was commercially launched in 2016. Evzio followed suit with an auto-injector including audio instruction.[42] These products have allowed bystanders to reverse tens of thousands of opioid

overdoses in the short time they have been available. The Federal Government acknowledges the dramatic impacts of bystander access and administration of naloxone, and the Surgeon General has publicly announced his encouragement of all individuals learning how to use and carry naloxone in the case of an emergency. However, even with this support, market pricing, patent laws, prescription regulations, insurance coverage, poor implementation of Standing Orders and the Good Samaritan Law, driven by an underlying stigma towards addiction have restricted access to naloxone.

In the past year, the FDA has approved the manufacture of a generic naloxone nasal spray with the intention of reducing the current monetary barrier to accessing naloxone.

"In July of 2019, an individual rushed into a local CVS pharmacy in the attempt to respond to an overdose occurring nearby. The pharmacy staff would not dispense the medication without a prescription". Anecdote received by Revive. Survive. ODP while conducting outreach in New Orleans



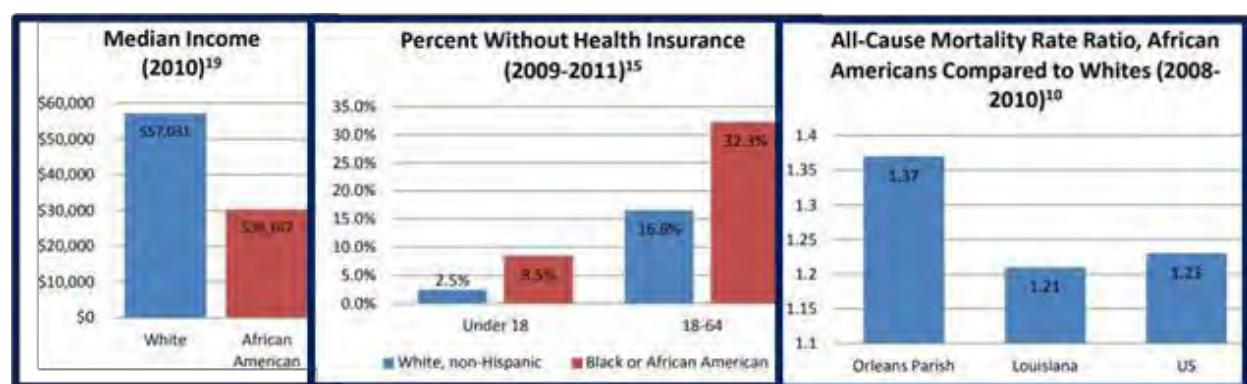
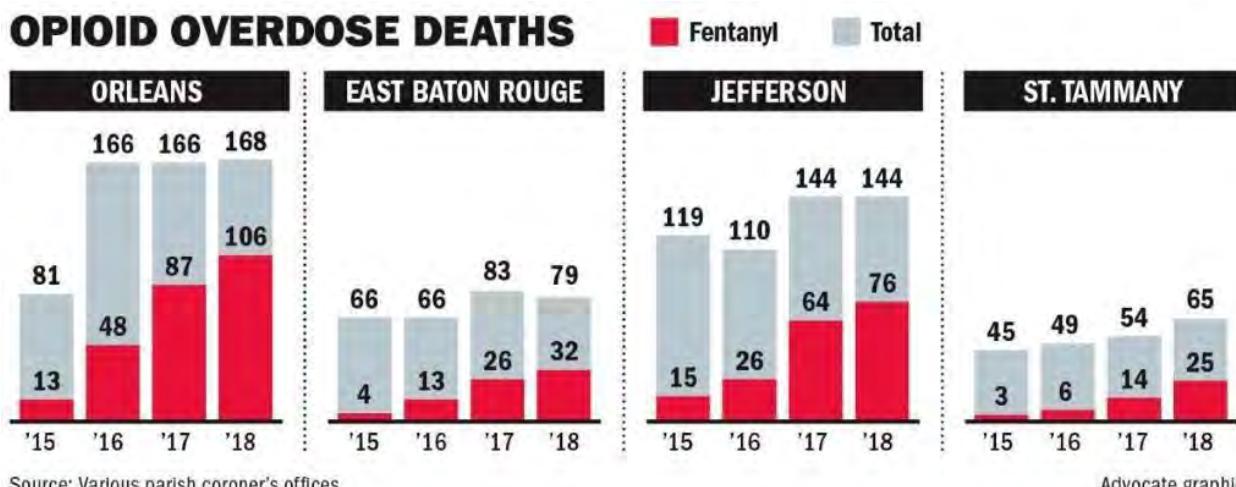
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OVERVIEW OF OPIOID EPIDEMIC



New Orleans

New Orleans has historically been an epicenter for overdose fatalities, and in recent years those numbers have skyrocketed. The *2018 Coroner's Report on Accidental Drug-Related Death in New Orleans*, reported 208 accidental drug related deaths in Orleans Parish, of which 81% tested positive for opiates, accounting for 168 deaths. Although the overall deaths decrease slightly from 2017, there has been a drastic increase of fentanyl related death, totaling 106 in 2018 alone. There has also been a clear trend of increased drug related deaths among African Americans.



Source: New Orleans Health Department

<https://www.nola.gov/health-department/data-and-publications/reports/health-disparities-in-new-orleans-community-2013/>

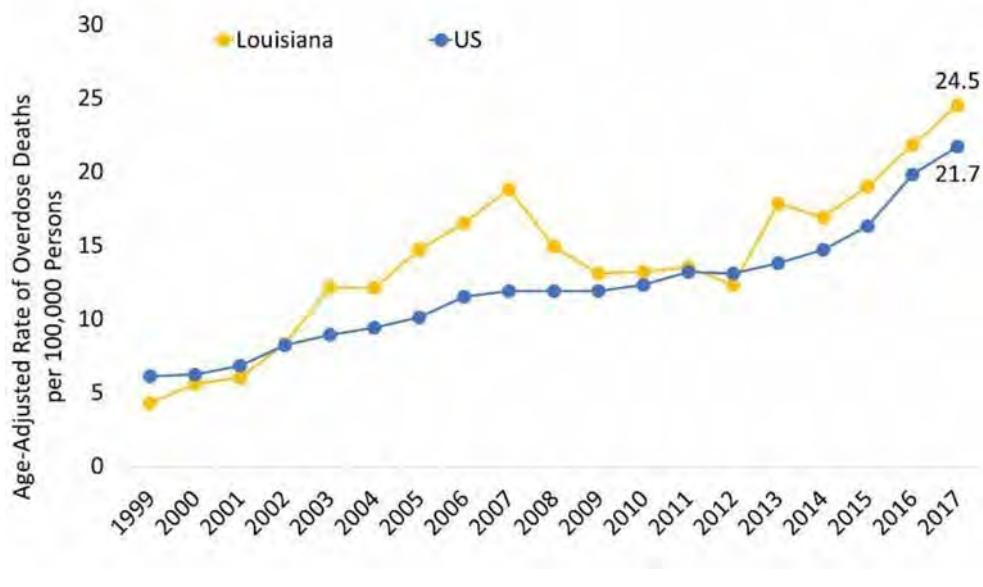
In addition, the New Orleans community is significantly impacted by health disparities that must be addressed to adequately meet local needs. Disparities in income levels, insurance coverage, and mortality rate illustrate underlying systemic barriers to equitable resources and services throughout marginalized communities in New Orleans. [53] In fact, federal data shows that only 1 in 20 Louisiana residents who need addiction treatment receive it as compared to 1 in 9 nationally.

Louisiana

In 2017, 401 opioid fatalities were recorded in Louisiana, rising from 346 recorded in 2016. It is important to note the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) estimates the true number of opioid involved fatalities is underrepresented by 125%; [49] the challenge of collecting valid statistics illustrates one of the greatest barriers to adequately addressing the epidemic. [49] Through 2012, opioid related deaths were associated primarily with prescription drug use. [90] Louisiana has the 6th highest opioid pain reliever prescribing rate and is one of eight states to have more opioid prescriptions than residents. However, since 2012 the increase of injection opioid use, including heroin and fentanyl, has become the leading cause of opioid related deaths. From 2012 to 2017, heroin-related deaths have increased from 51 to 169, and fentanyl deaths have increased from 19 to 136 [53]. Heroin use more than doubled among young adults ages 18–25 in the past decade. [91] In Louisiana, about 19,000 adolescents aged 12–17 per year in 2013–2014 reported non-medical use of pain relievers within the year prior to being surveyed.

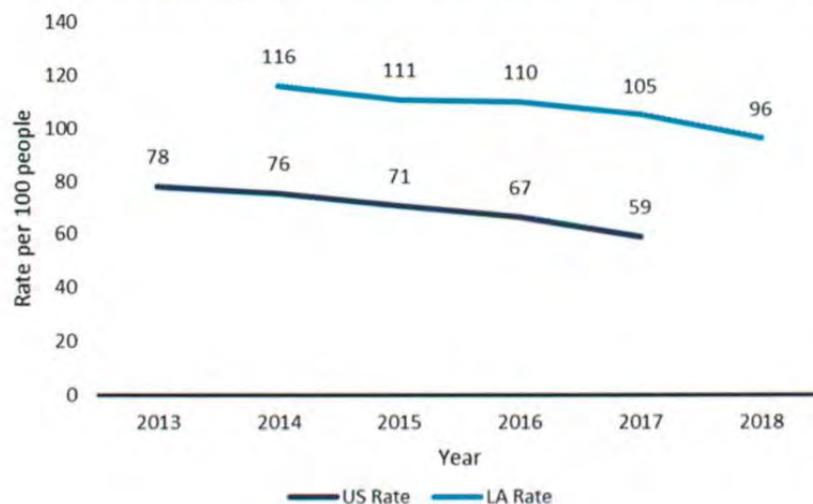
[47] The rise of injection drug use led to a rapid increase in overdose deaths, viral hepatitis, and HIV. These crises have become our biggest public health concerns affecting our communities and health care systems across the state.

Drug overdose deaths, rate per 100,000 persons, in the U.S. and Louisiana.



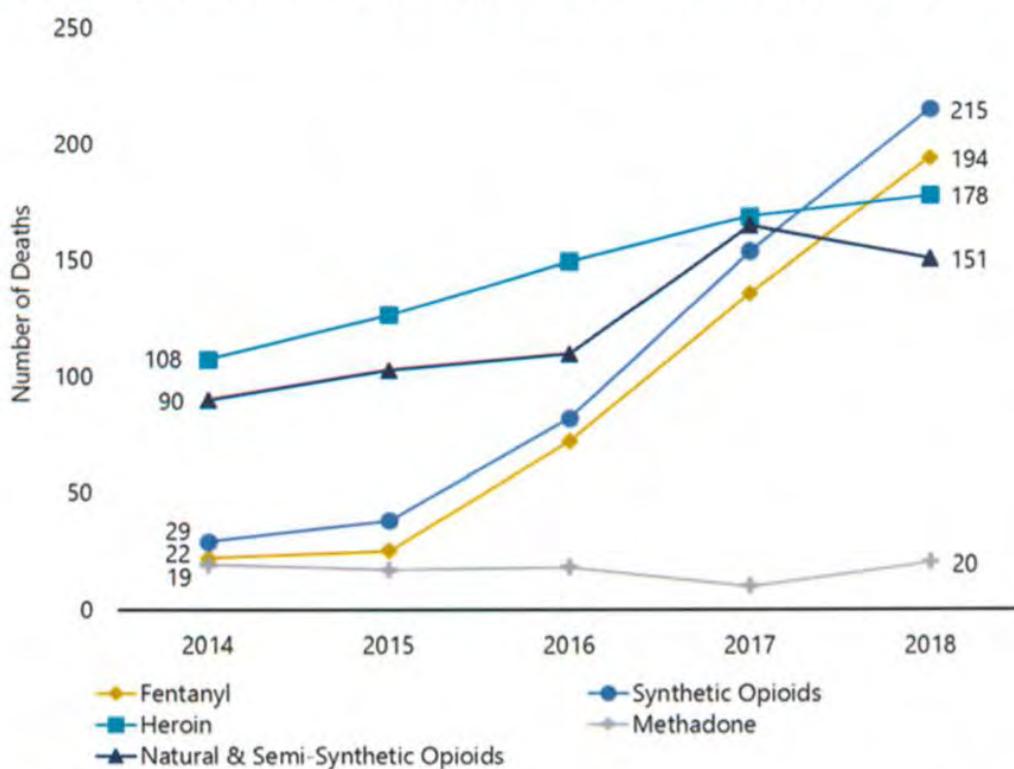
Source: CDC WONDER

Opioid prescription rate per population—Louisiana & United States, 2013-2018⁶



Source: LDH Louisiana's Opioid Response Plan

Deaths by specific opioid drugs used – Louisiana, 2014-2018⁷

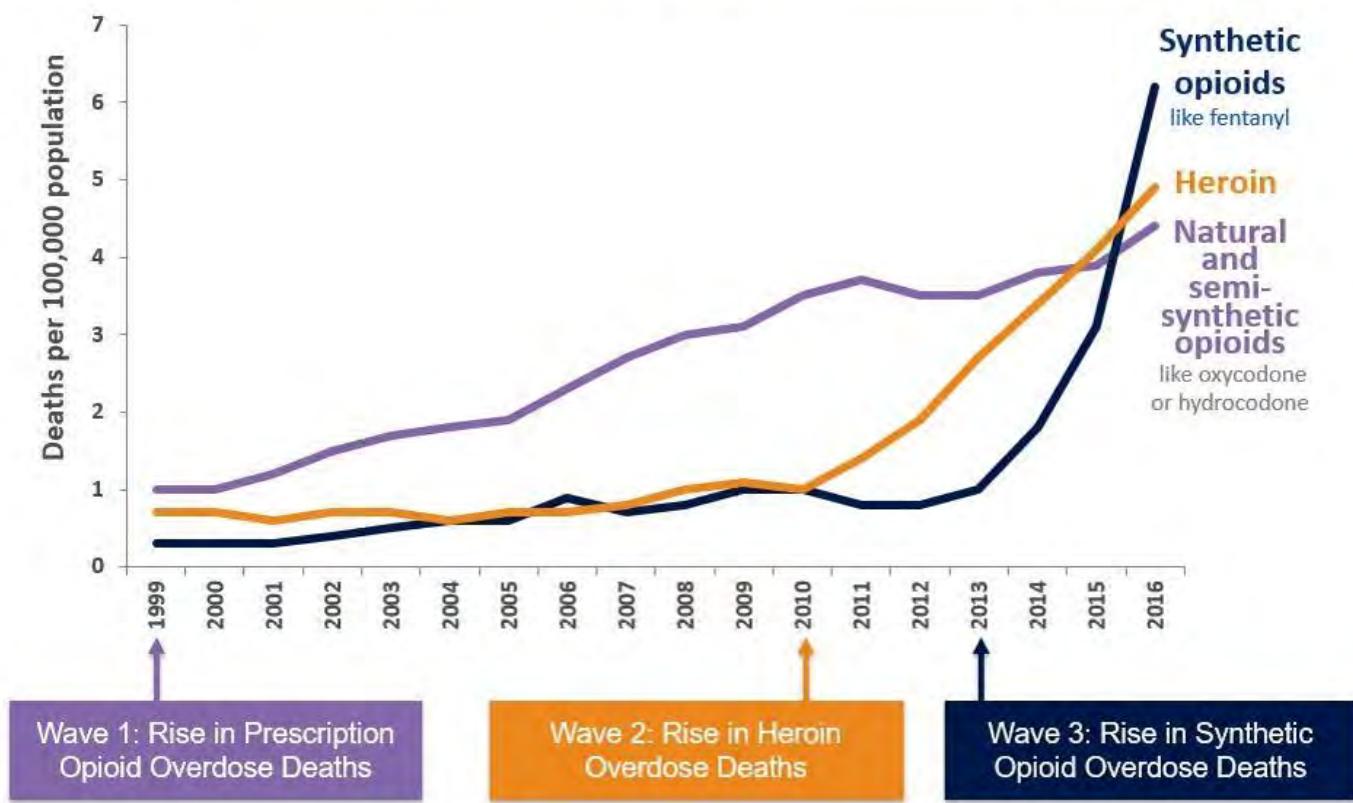


Source: LDH Louisiana's Opioid Response Plan

National

From 1999 to 2017, more than 700,000 people have died from a drug overdose. More than half of these involved opioids. Drug overdose is now the leading cause of accidental death—surpassing motor vehicle fatalities. [12] Approximately 130 individuals die every day as a result of fatal opioid overdoses. For individuals who inject drugs, overdose is the number one cause of death. Most overdose fatalities occur in the pre-hospital setting; 78% of these are accidental. [12] According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), national overdose rates have increased five-fold since the 1990s. Based on CDC provisional counts, opioid fatalities has for the first time in over decade declined by 5.1% from 2017 to 2018. [12] Although overall numbers have dropped, fentanyl related deaths continue to rise. [11] The influence of prescription opioids has also been a driving force in the epidemic, and has been cited as the most common cause of opioid addiction. In fact, 83% of heroin users reported the use of prescription opioids before transitioning to illicit drug use, many due to refill denials. [11] Annually, there are enough prescriptions to supply every American with an average of 36 opioid pills. In 2016 alone, the over prescription of post- surgical opioids resulted in 3.3 billion excess pills that flooded the streets. [12]

3 Waves of the Rise in Opioid Overdose Deaths



SOURCE: National Vital Statistics System Mortality File.

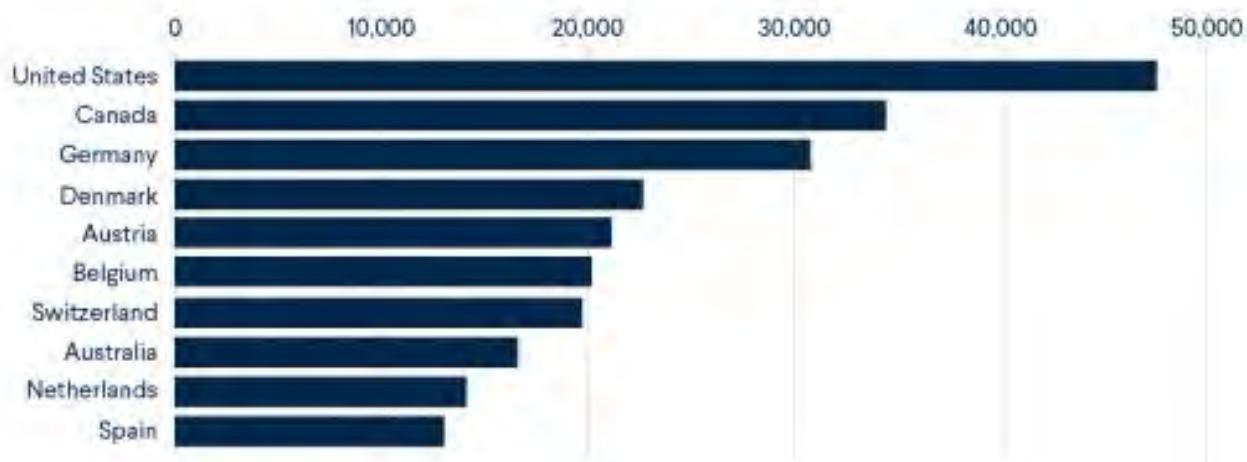
Global

As the World Health Organization (WHO) has reported, the impacts of the opioid epidemic are felt across the globe. The United Nations Office of Drug and Crimes (UNODC) states that new trends in international drug trafficking have intensified the crisis; including the ease of making fentanyl analogues, availability over the internet, and international mail delivery system and express couriers. A major concern is that individuals who use these substances often are unsure of what they are actually taking and differences in potency between products. [93]

- About 275 million people worldwide (5.6 percent of the global population aged 15–64 years) used drugs at least once during 2016.
- Among them, there were about 34 million people who used opioids and about 19 million who used opiates.
- There were an estimated 27 million people worldwide who suffered from opioid use disorders in 2016.
- The majority of people dependent on opioids used illicitly cultivated and manufactured heroin, but an increasing proportion used prescription opioids.
- Roughly 450,000 people died as a result of drug use in 2015.
- Of those deaths, about 160,000 were directly associated with drug use disorders and about 118,000 with opioid use disorders.
- Overdose deaths contribute to between 33%-50% of all drug-related deaths, which are attributable in most cases to opioids.
- Lifetime prevalence of witnessed overdose among drug users is about 70%.
- Despite effective treatments for opioid dependence, less than 10% of people who need such treatment are receiving it. [92]

Countries Consuming the Most Opioids

Standard Daily Opioid Doses Per Million People, 2013–2015



Source: UN International Narcotics Control Board.

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CURRENT RESPONSE TO THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC



New Orleans

The New Orleans EMS, Fire Department, and Police Department have all implemented first responder naloxone. In January of 2016, the New Orleans Health Department (NOHD) issued a parish-wide standing order allowing residents to access naloxone from participating pharmacies without prescription. [13] LDH expanded the standing order statewide the following year. NOHD is currently establishing the New Orleans Opioid Survival Connection program, where victims of overdose will be directly linked to treatment services. In addition, Metropolitan Human Services District (MHSD) used the MAT-PDOA grant funding to increase access to treatment and provide naloxone kits at their clinics and partner addiction treatment centers, including OHL. MHSD has more recently received the State Targeted Response to the Opioid Crisis Grant (STR) to further increase treatment services and overdose prevention efforts. NOHD and MHSD facilitate the Opioid Task Force to increase behavioral health resources, coordinate interdisciplinary services, and advocate for individuals with addictive disorders. [13] The Drug Enforcement Administration has implemented their 360 Strategy that involves coordinating local law enforcement agencies, identifying pharmaceutical drug manufacturers, wholesalers, pharmacies, and practitioners operating unlawfully. In addition, the strategy aims to reach out to community members through faith-based groups, schools and health organizations to provide information and resources to educate youth about the risks of opioid use. Orleans Parish has also been selected for The Arnold Ventures grant that will pay for a team of health care experts specializing in substance use disorder to support implementation of MAT services while individuals are currently incarcerated. These efforts aim to reduce the stigma surrounding addiction and treatment. Other non-government agencies and community organizations have been implementing harm reduction and overdose prevention services including Odyssey House Louisiana, Crescent Care, TRYSTERO, and Women with a Vision.

Through various partnerships, the city of New Orleans aims to expand media campaigns to educate the community on overdose prevention and treatment services, increase safe medication disposal programs, encourage pharmacies to provide opioid counseling, and to link nonfatal overdose victims in emergency departments directly with care.

Louisiana

Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) has received several federal grants to implement statewide initiatives addressing the opioid epidemic. Most current is the State Opioid Response Grant (LA SOR) awarded for September 2018 for \$11 million per year for two years. [50] The grant is aimed at prevention, intervention, treatment and recovery efforts. In addition, the Louisiana Attorney General's Office launched an initiative, End the Epidemic, offering naloxone to first responders, and the Louisiana Department of Corrections is investigating the effectiveness of administering naltrexone to individuals released from state custody. [13] In the past year, several pilot programs have been initiated throughout the state:

- Shatterproof, a national non-profit, is working with the Louisiana Office of Behavioral health to improve the quality of addiction treatment services through a rating system measured by the use of evidence base best practices.
- Louisiana Department of Health is working with Woman's Hospital in Baton Rouge and Slidell Memorial Hospital on the Neonatal Opioid Withdrawal Syndrome Pilot Project in an effort to improve the identification and treatment of pregnant women with opioid use disorders and improve care of infants with neonatal opioid withdrawal syndrome.

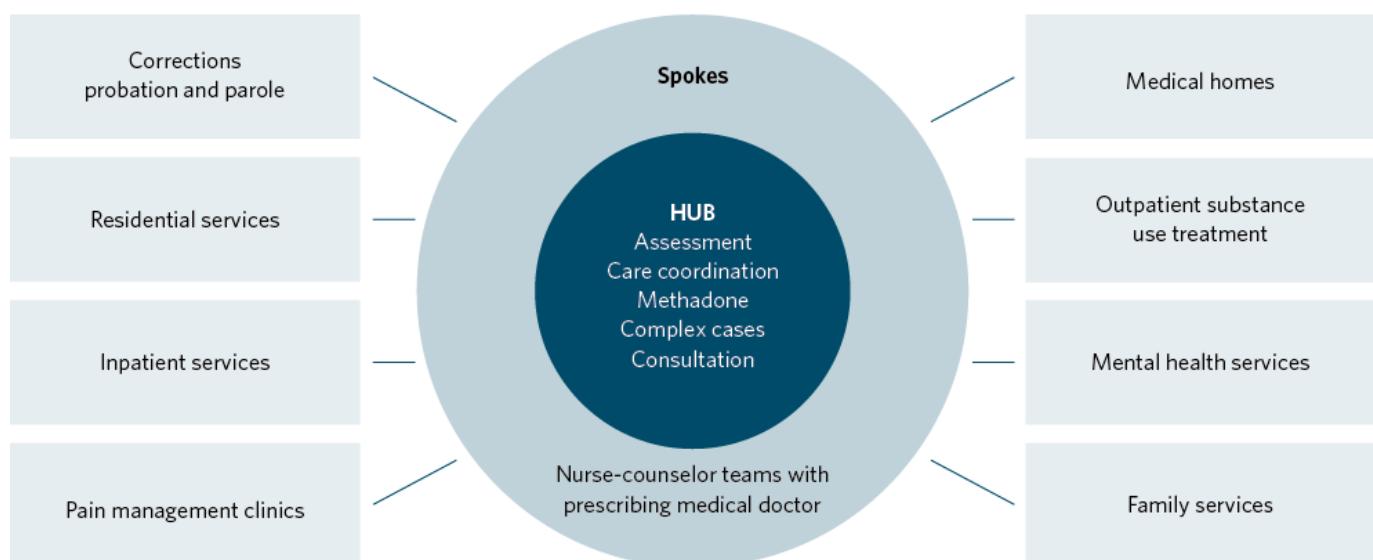
Aligning with HHS 5-Point Strategy, Louisiana has embraced the evidence-based Hub and Spoke Model of addiction treatment and is moving toward this structural model of integrated care.

Louisiana 5 Point Strategy



Source: LDH Louisiana's Opioid Response Plan

Integrated Health System for Addictions Treatment



Source: Vermont Agency of Human Services, "Integrated Treatment Continuum for Substance Use Dependence, 'Hub/Spoke' Initiative—Phase 1: Opiate Dependence" (January 2012), <http://atforum.com/documents/HUBSPOKEBriefingDocV122112.pdf>

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Louisiana Legislation Addressing the Opioid Epidemic

- 2006 • ACT 676 authorized the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy to develop a Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP).
- 2013 • ACT 110 strengthened the PMP by allowing an unlimited number of delegated users to access the database.
- 2014 • ACT 392, the Good Samaritan Law protects individuals calling 911 in the event of an overdose from criminal charges if drug paraphernalia is found at that scene—first responders may administer opioid antagonists without prescription to an individual exhibiting symptoms of overdose.
 - ACT 472 mandates the reporting of prescription monitoring information; to provide for dispenser (pharmacist) reporting within 24 hours.
 - ACT 865 limited dispensing of certain controlled substances, Mandates PMP access for Schedule II narcotics for patients' treatment of non-cancer related chronic or intractable pain.
- 2015 • ACT 192 Opioid Antagonist Administration authorizes a licensed medical practitioner to prescribe or dispense Naloxone without having examined the individual to whom it may be administered. Limits civil and criminal liability for persons who receive or administer opioid antagonist to a person believed to be undergoing an opioid-related drug overdose.
- 2016 • ACT 370 Naloxone authorizes storage and dispensing of opioid antagonists; authorizes any person to possess an opioid antagonist. Limitation of liability relative to naloxone prescription, dispensing and administration by a third party.

House Concurrent Resolution 113 created the Louisiana Commission on Preventing Opioid Abuse

- 2017 • April 2017- The Opioid Epidemic: Evidence-Based Strategies Legislative Report, recommended strategies for: adopting the Guidelines for Prescribing Opioids for data sharing; improving access for pregnant women, prescriber training needs, alternatives to incarceration.
 - ACT 310 authorized a **Naloxone Standing Order** allowing participating pharmacies to dispense naloxone without prescription.
 - ACT 76 automatically registered CDS license applicants or renewals in the PMP, mandated PMP review and monitoring prior to opioid prescription, and in order for license renewal, all practitioners with CDS license must take 3 hours of continued education regarding drug diversion, best practices for prescribing controlled substances, addiction treatment, or similar.
 - ACT 88 established the Advisory Council on Heroin and Opioid Prevention and Education (HOPE) to establish an Interagency Heroin and Opioid Coordination Plan.
 - Lawsuit filed: Louisiana Department of Health, Through the Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health VERSUS Purdue Pharma (and others).

- 2018 • Hope Council published *2018 Year-End Report and State and Local Responses to the Opioid Crisis: Interagency Coordination Plan*:
<http://ldh.la.gov/assets/docs/BehavioralHealth/HOPE/HOPEendofyear-APPROVED.pdf>
- ACT 174 Provides for a neonatal opiate withdrawal syndrome pilot project to improve outcomes associated with neonatal abstinence syndrome
 - ACT 232 Adds an LDH epidemiologist to the list of those who have access to the PMP data
 - ACT 28 Provides relative to a voluntary non-opioid directive form
- 2019 • Hope Council published *Substance Use Disorder Treatment Policy Recommendations for the State of Louisiana Final Report- March 2019*
http://ldh.la.gov/assets/docs/BehavioralHealth/PEW_Charitable_Trust_Final_Report.pdf
- The Louisiana Department of Health Opioid Steering Committee published *Louisiana's Opioid Response Plan: A Roadmap to Decreasing the Effects of the Opioid Epidemic*
<http://ldh.la.gov/assets/opioid/LaOpioidResponsePlan2019.pdf>
 - ACT 80 Authorizes the Pharmacy Board to provide PMP information to electronic health information systems and pharmacy information systems located in other states, territories, federal districts, and federal jurisdictions.
 - ACT423 Provides a requirement that each coroner report drug overdose deaths where the decedent's toxicology results indicate that an opioid was present at the time of death.
 - SCR 31 Designates LDH as the lead authority over the HOPE Advisory Council
 - ACT 425 Requires each residential treatment facility licensed pursuant to existing law, R.S 40:2151 et seq., which provides treatment for opioid use disorder to provide MAT
 - HCR 71 Requests the LDH issue regulations to allow the establishment of new opioid treatment programs and methadone dosing sites.

Louisiana Opioid Spending by Department

Department	FY2017	FY2018
Health and Human Services	\$39,355,629	\$66,603,880
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration	\$37,972,317	\$50,820,229
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	\$997,702	\$4,159,002
Health Resources and Services Administration	\$0	\$8,969,833
Administration for Children and Families	\$385,610	\$1,661,377
National Institutes of Health	\$0	\$993,439
Office of National Drug Control Policy	\$5,480,170	\$5,815,883
Department of Justice	\$3,424,118	\$9,513,672
Department of Labor	\$0	\$0
Total Opioid Spending	\$48,259,917	\$81,933,435

Louisiana Opioid Spending by Category

Category	FY2017	FY2018
Treatment and Recovery	19%	24%
Prevention	21%	21%
Mixed: Treatment/Recovery and Prevention	41%	36%
Research	0%	1%
Criminal Justice	9%	13%
Law Enforcement	9%	6%

Source: Bipartisan Policy Center

National

Due to the escalating opioid crisis, we have witnessed an influx in national responses and policy implementation attempting to mitigate and reduce opioid overdose fatalities. Notable federal appropriations occurred in 2017. The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017 provided HHS with \$20 million for Comprehensive Addiction Recovery Act (CARA)-authorized programs, specifying \$56 million for SAMHSA's Medication Assisted Treatment for Prescription Drug and Opioid Addiction program. [94] Congress provided \$103 million for "comprehensive opioid abuse reduction activities" from the Department of Justice (DOJ). The Department of Veterans Affairs provided \$50 million to increase opioid and substance misuse prevention and treatment. [94]

Recent legal trends across states concerning liability, treatment/prevention, and privacy illustrate a national movement toward reducing opioid misuse and overdose. Good Samaritan Statutes have been increasingly implemented across multiple states, providing immunity from arrest for drug possession when a person dials 911 or seeks medical attention in the event of an overdose.

Product Liability has allowed for countless lawsuits against manufacturers and distributors of prescription opioids for fraudulent marketing and negligent distribution. Similar lawsuits have been issued against the Joint Commission, holding them liable for issuing misinformation to prescribers and pharmacy boards for failing to report excessive orders of opioids. [94] There has also been an increase in federal prosecutions through Department of Justice's Opioid Fraud and Abuse Detection Unit against healthcare fraud cases related to wrongful or over-prescribed opioids. [39]

Overdose prevention and treatment efforts have seen increasing legal support across the nation as well. Opioid Prescription Limitations are being implemented across numerous states typically permitting only a 5-day supply of opioids for acute pain or a 7-day supply following surgery. Policies encouraging naloxone expansion are now common among first responders and law enforcement agencies. Statewide Standing Orders authorizing pharmacists to dispense naloxone to individuals 18 or older without prescription have been widely accepted as well. Legislative support for Harm Reduction programs such as safe disposal programs, syringe exchanges, and safe injection facilities is growing, as research illustrates their effectiveness in reducing overdose and infectious disease rates. Overall, there has been an increase of educational initiatives including the Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) partnership with Discovery Education to implement Operation Prevention—offering free educational tools and material for youth to combat opioid misuse. Countless other governmental, not-for profit, and private resources have been made available to promote educational initiative surrounding the opioid epidemic and linkage to care. [94]

Use of Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs (PDMPs) have grown significantly, which allow prescribers to check prescription databases that track individual prescription histories. Taken even further, there have been legislative proposals to allow law enforcement agencies to access the PDMPs, without court orders, to investigate doctor-shopping. [94] While the CDC already practices extensive surveillance, prevention, and research efforts, there is growing federal support for research partnerships that would increase data collection on addiction and overdose.





National Legislation Addressing the Opioid Epidemic

2016 • CDC published the Opioid Prescribing Guidelines.

2017 • President Trump issues Executive Order establishing White House Commission on Combating Drug Addiction and the Opioid Crisis.

- President Trump announces HHS Public Health Emergency (PHE).
- Final White House Commission Report issued recommending:
 - Increasing federally funded initiative to support opioid-related efforts at the state level. The spending bill passed by Congress in March 2018 included \$3.3 billion increase for opioid funding.
 - Media campaigns encouraging affected individuals to seek treatment.
 - Removing legal barriers to use Prescription Data Monitoring Programs (PDMPs). February 2018, Jeff Sessions announced a plan to use medical data from PDMPs to hold doctors and pharmacies dispensing large amounts of opioid accountable.
 - Expanding drug courts nationally to embrace MAT.
 - Developing opioid prescribing guidelines, regulations, and education. April 2018, CMS released final Medicare rule requiring pharmacists to contact prescribers and document discussions before filling prescriptions of over 90 mg of morphine. September 2018, CDC published Quality Improvement and Care Coordination: Implementing the CDC Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain.
 - Ensuring greater health care coverage for substance use treatment. Current Administration has continued prior policy of approving waivers to let Medicaid programs pay for addiction and mental health treatment in facilities >16 beds.
 - Encouraging non-opioid pain treatment.
 - Raising criminal penalties for illicit drug trafficking, especially for fentanyl. In January 2018, Pres. Trump signed the Interdict Act giving federal agents further tools for detecting synthetic opioids at the border. March 2018, Pres. Trump announced a plan to increase penalties for drug traffickers, including the death penalty.

- Implementing naloxone co-prescribing programs and EMT best practices.
- 2018 • U.S. Surgeon General, Dr. Jerome Adams, issued a Public Health Advisory on Naloxone and Opioid Overdose, encouraging more community members to carry naloxone.
- Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released guidance on Medicaid detailing reimbursement tools and resources for states that can be used to curb the opioid crisis and highlighting successful practices.
 - The Comprehensive Opioid Recovery Act of 2018 passed the House. It would grant \$10 million to HHS to fund at least 10 new or existing recovery centers.
 - SAMHSA opened applications for \$930 million of funding for states and territories to pursue prevention, treatment, and recovery services.
 - The SITSA Act passed the House. It classified synthetic opioids above the CSA Schedule 1 and tightens importation checks.
 - The House passed the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act that combined numerous opioid bills for Senate consideration.
 - SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act (the SUPPORT Act) includes provisions to prevent opioid addiction and increase access to treatment as well as control the supply of illicit drugs into the country. The law provides loan repayment options for professionals in areas of high need, promotes telehealth, revises the Institutions for Mental Disease exclusions for pregnant and post-partum women, and allows for Medicare coverage of Opioid Treatment Programs
 - Synthetics Trafficking and Overdose Prevention Act (STOP Act) strengthens coordination between FDA and Customs and Border Protection to improve illicit drug detection
- 2019 • The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced more than \$1.8 billion in funding to states to continue the Trump Administration's efforts to combat the opioid crisis by expanding access to treatment and supporting near real-time data on the drug overdose crisis.

Opioid Appropriation by Department Source: Bipartisan Policy Center

Department	FY2017	FY2018
Health and Human Services	\$2,765,589,000	\$5,521,368,000
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration	\$2,603,679,000	\$3,685,479,000
Indian Health Service	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	\$112,000,000	\$630,579,000
Health Resources and Services Administration	*	\$480,000,000
Administration for Children and Families	\$43,910,000	\$125,310,000
National Institutes of Health	*	\$500,000,000
Food and Drug Administration	*	\$94,000,000
Office of National Drug Control Policy	\$351,000,000	\$379,000,000
Department of Justice	\$194,000,000	\$515,839,484
Veterans Affairs	*	\$704,552,000
Homeland Security	*	\$261,100,000
Department of Labor	*	\$21,000,000
Total Opioid Spending	\$3,310,589,000	\$7,402,859,484

* = No opioid-specific appropriations.

Global

In June of 2018, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) launched a strategy, The UNODC Integrated Strategy on the Global Opioid Crisis, to address the global opioid epidemic, which is predominately affecting North America and parts of Africa and the Middle East. The initiative aims to address international control of substances, law enforcement efforts to target supply, and implementation of initiatives to strengthen prevention efforts. The strategy plans on forming global partnerships with the World Health Organization and International Narcotics Control Board, along with other international and regional organizations, academic institutions, and civil society. In collaboration with Member States, the UNODC is working to support programs in the areas of synthetic drugs monitoring, early warning and trend analysis, national forensic and counter-narcotic capacity building, law enforcement operational work, and prevention and treatment. [93] The UNODC Opioid Strategy is laid on the following five pillars:

The five pillars of the UNODC Opioid Strategy are



Pillar 1 Early warning and trend analysis

Generating evidence in support of effective policy decisions and operational responses



Pillar 2 Rationale prescribing and access to opioids for medical and scientific use

Promoting interagency cooperation in addressing the non-medical use of opioids



Pillar 3 Prevention and treatment programmes

Strengthening and supporting prevention and treatment programmes related to opioids



Pillar 4 International law enforcement operations to disrupt trafficking

Enhancing operational activities to prevent the diversion and trafficking of synthetic opioids



Pillar 5 Strengthening national and international counternarcotic capacity

Raising awareness, sharing best practices and promoting international cooperation



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Lessons and Recommendations

There has been significant successes, efforts, and lessons to learn as communities around the country have been battling the opioid epidemic. Law enforcement, emergency medical services, governmental offices, corporations, and non-profit agencies alike have all played a role. Taking a closer look at these lessons and drawing recommendations from them will ensure the New Orleans Community structures and implements evidence-based initiatives.

Examples across the country illustrate a variety of models that can be used to effectively distribute naloxone:

1. State or City Public Health Department fund and have a role in administering the naloxone program (i.e. Massachusetts, New York, Washington, New Mexico, Ohio, San Francisco, Baltimore)
2. Non-profit community-based organization (CBO) provides overdose prevention services and access to naloxone without state or city involvement using non-governmental grants (i.e. Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Michigan, Wisconsin, Colorado)
3. Naloxone is prescribed during a visit with a care provider and filled at a pharmacy or dispensed during the visit (i.e. Project Lazarus, Duquesne University Pilot)
4. Medical personnel are involved directly. Advanced practice nurses or physicians are present when naloxone is distributed to “sign-off” on prescriptions, trainings are done by medical staff
5. Standing Order- written by medical director of the program to allow distribution by trained non-medical staff.

Chicago, IL

Harm Reduction is a model of practice aimed at reducing negative physical or social consequences associated with particular behaviors. Beginning its efforts in 1992, Chicago Recovery Alliance (CRA) is now one of the largest Harm Reduction Programs in the nation. [76] Their initial efforts resulted in providing syringe access and other injection equipment that was otherwise illegal to purchase at the time without a prescription. In collaboration with medical professionals, the agency began naloxone trainings and distribution to program participants, staff, and volunteers. CRA was able to advocate for the implementation of the Good Samaritan Law in 2010, protecting naloxone prescribers and administrators from criminal charges when responding to an overdose. CRA has since become a resource for harm reduction programs across the country, providing guidance and material as new programs emerged. [35]

CRA exemplified the principles of the Harm Reduction model, which recognizes both the internal and external forces feeding addiction, and empowers individuals directly impacted to be the source of their recovery as well as systematic solutions. Research has illustrated the Harm Reduction efforts are incredibly effective in reducing the negative impacts of drug use and connecting individuals with addiction to the treatment services they need for recovery. However, the stigma surrounding addiction has delayed public buy in and support of Harm Reduction policies. Historically, our nation has moralized the issue of substance use, resulting in the criminalization of substances deemed illicit at the time. Concurrently, the socioeconomic disparities found between geographic and demographic groups results in particular populations being impacted more harshly by the criminalization of substances. As we increase diversion and treatment efforts and move away from punitive policies, reparations to support and rebuild communities that have been negatively impacted by the criminalization of substances is only fair.

Recommendation: Incorporate Harm Reduction Policies

Understand the principles of Harm Reduction and implement policies and practices that are aligned in both direct service practice as well as systematic structure.

Wilkes County, NC

Many of the first overdose prevention programs focused on individuals who inject drugs through Harm Reduction efforts, such as syringe access programs. However, Project Lazarus of Wilkes County, North Carolina, found that their needs differed. In 2009, their rates of overdose mortality were four times higher than the state average. Further research showed that 80% of the individuals who had died of overdose also had legal prescriptions for the substance that killed them. [35] This information led to an intervention targeting various medical practices, such as long-term pain management and substance use treatment. The initiative trains prescribers to assess and identify patients with a high risk of overdose, and to prescribe or co-prescribe naloxone as needed. [35] The initiative was able to successfully reduce overdose rates by 69% between the years of 2009 and 2011. The outstanding success of their pilot program resulted in additional grant funding, partnership with Community Care North Carolina (CCNC), the state's nonprofit Medicaid managed care plan, and statewide expansion of their initiative including the implementation of a prescription monitoring program. [70] As the program grew, Project Lazarus was able to provide naloxone training to community members, care managers, primary care providers, emergency room physicians, and pharmacists.

Recommendation: Train Medical Professionals

Louisiana's opioid prescribing rates are above national average, therefore the risks for addiction and overdoses are also higher for Louisiana residents. Medical professionals including prescribers need additional training in evidence-based practices that will reduce patient risk for opioid overdose. This includes assessing for opioid overdose risk, implementing best practices for prescribing opioids, and prescribing/co-prescribing naloxone as needed.

Pittsburgh, PA and Rhode Island

The Overdose Prevention Project (OPP) of Prevention Point Pittsburgh replicated the initiative pioneered by Project Lazarus by making naloxone available through standard prescription. However, the unique partnership with the Center for Pharmacy Services (CPS) incorporated pharmacists in a novel way. Starting in 2011, patients coming to CPS to fill opioid prescriptions were offered information on opioid safety including signs of an overdose and administration of naloxone. If requested, the pharmacist could request a naloxone prescription on behalf of the patient. [35] This trend to incorporate pharmacists directly in overdose prevention efforts was occurring concurrently in other parts of the country as well.

Rhode Island was hit hard by the opioid epidemic, and by 2005, it had the highest rates of illicit drug use per capita. The RI Board of Pharmacy played a critical role in addressing the crisis by approving a collaborative pharmacy practice agreement for naloxone (CPAN) which in collaboration with prescribers, allowed pharmacists to distribute naloxone. Beginning in 2011 with only five Walgreens Pharmacies, the pharmacy-led initiative expanded significantly by 2014. [84] This model of public health and commercial partnership is conceptually similar to Standing Orders that allow pharmacies to distribute naloxone without a prior prescription that began being implemented in several states around that same time. [34]

Recommendation: Train and Build Collaborative Practices with Pharmacies

Although Louisiana has implemented a state-wide Standing Order for Naloxone, public knowledge and implementation of the Standing Order has not been maximized. Building partnerships with corporate and local pharmacies will build sustainable access to naloxone.

Prevention Point Pittsburgh

Aside from the collaborative efforts with pharmacists, Prevention Point Pittsburgh (PPP) also established partnerships focused on the needs of incarcerated individuals, who experience an especially high risk of overdose within the first two weeks of release. [9] Recognizing the unique needs of inmates, PPP established the Jail Collaborative in 2000 to reduce recidivism and

establish better outcomes for inmates following incarceration. The program included hour-long training sessions conducted within the jail that focused on overdose, naloxone administration, rescue breathing, along with local Harm Reduction resources. The initiative successfully disseminated information and participants' feedback illustrated utilization of services upon release. [35]

Recommendation: Train and Link Individuals who are at Risk of Addiction and Opioid Overdose to Services

Research has identified particular characteristics that increase individuals' risk for opioid overdose. Efforts should prioritize these groups, which include individuals taking opioids for long-term management of chronic pain, those leaving institutionalization including incarceration, addiction treatment, and hospitalization.

Massachusetts

The statewide overdose prevention initiative in Massachusetts began in the late 1990s with only a few committed activists working with individuals who inject drugs. They began informally distributing naloxone to at high-risk individuals. At the time, their efforts were not sanctioned, and they had growing concern that they were jeopardizing their participants with potential legal complications. To build a case for the initiative, they began tracking their naloxone distribution and reversal rates. They presented this information in a report to the Boston Public Health Commission which was then used as a proposal to implement the distribution of naloxone at the city's needle exchange. By 2005, there was growing interest from several agencies to incorporate overdose prevention and naloxone distribution into their state-funded HIV prevention programs. In 2016, with support from the Mayor, community advocates, medical professionals and drug users, the Board of the Boston Public Health Commission and the City of Boston's Health Department sanctioned a city-wide naloxone distribution program. The success was contagious and shortly after the Cambridge Public Health Department implemented the same program for their region. [44] By 2007, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health established a plan to address overdose on a statewide level, implementing many of the strategies presented by the founding overdose prevention activists. By 2011, the state initiative successfully trained more than 10,000 community members and recorded 1,200 confirmed reversals. [35]

Recommendations: Accurate Data Collection

Without data collection, this initiative would not have had the credibility that encouraged so many agencies to replicate and expand their efforts. Data not only allows us to understand the reality of the impact of opioids, it also holds programs accountable in meeting community needs.

Recommendation: City- and State-Wide Collaboration

The collaborative practice between activist, non-profits, and governance, illustrated that initiatives that are aligned with their goals and programs create a streamlined effort that is effective and efficient. Often, we see agencies working in silos without integrated communication or efforts. This creates a barrier for community member who struggle to find appropriate care and navigate through services.



Incorporate Evidence Based Practice Models in Health Care Settings

As our health care system adjusts to meet the needs of our community, research has identified the success of integrated health care services. This is the systematic coordination of general and behavioral healthcare. In doing so, evidence-based practice models that have not traditionally been applied in the medical field now support integrated care and allow for greater health equity.

Harm Reduction Model

Harm Reduction is a set of practical strategies and ideas aimed at reducing negative consequences associated with drug use. Harm Reduction is also a movement for social justice built on a belief in, and respect for, the rights of people who use drugs. The Harm Reduction Coalition lists these defining principles:

1. Accepts, for better and or worse, that licit and illicit drug use is part of our world and chooses to work to minimize its harmful effects rather than simply ignore or condemn them;
2. Understands drug use as a complex, multi-faceted phenomenon that encompasses a continuum of behaviors from severe harmful use to total abstinence, and acknowledges that some ways of using drugs are clearly safer than others;
3. Establishes quality of individual and community life and well-being—not necessarily cessation of all drug use—as the criteria for successful interventions and policies;
4. Calls for the non-judgmental, non-coercive provision of services and resources to people who use drugs and the communities in which they live in order to assist them in reducing attendant harm;
5. Ensures that individuals who use drugs and those with a history of drug use routinely have a real voice in the creation of programs and policies designed to serve them;
6. Affirms that individuals who use drugs themselves as the primary agents of reducing the harms of their drug use, and seeks to empower them to share information and support each other in strategies which meet their actual conditions of use;
7. Recognizes that the realities of poverty, class, racism, social isolation, past trauma, sex-based discrimination and other social inequalities affect both people's vulnerability to and capacity for effectively dealing with drug-related harm;
8. Does not attempt to minimize or ignore the real and tragic harm and danger associated with licit and illicit drug use.

Harm Reduction is implemented on both policy and direct practice levels and includes a variety of efforts. For example, naloxone access programs can be implemented in healthcare facilities, opioid treatment programs, and pain management clinics. Naloxone access programs can be as simple as prescribing naloxone upon request or more in-depth to include take home naloxone kits and training classes. Clinics may consider purchasing naloxone directly from manufacturer or distributors, to eliminate additional access barriers for patients. Harm Reduction principles can be applied in and department but is a major component of Outreach and Prevention efforts. Outreach and Prevention is intended to bring resources and information to individuals and communities that face barriers to access. Through providing education on substance use, addiction treatment, overdose prevention, and appropriate referrals to community resources Outreach and Prevention effectively reduces community risk and links individuals to a continuum of care they need. [37]

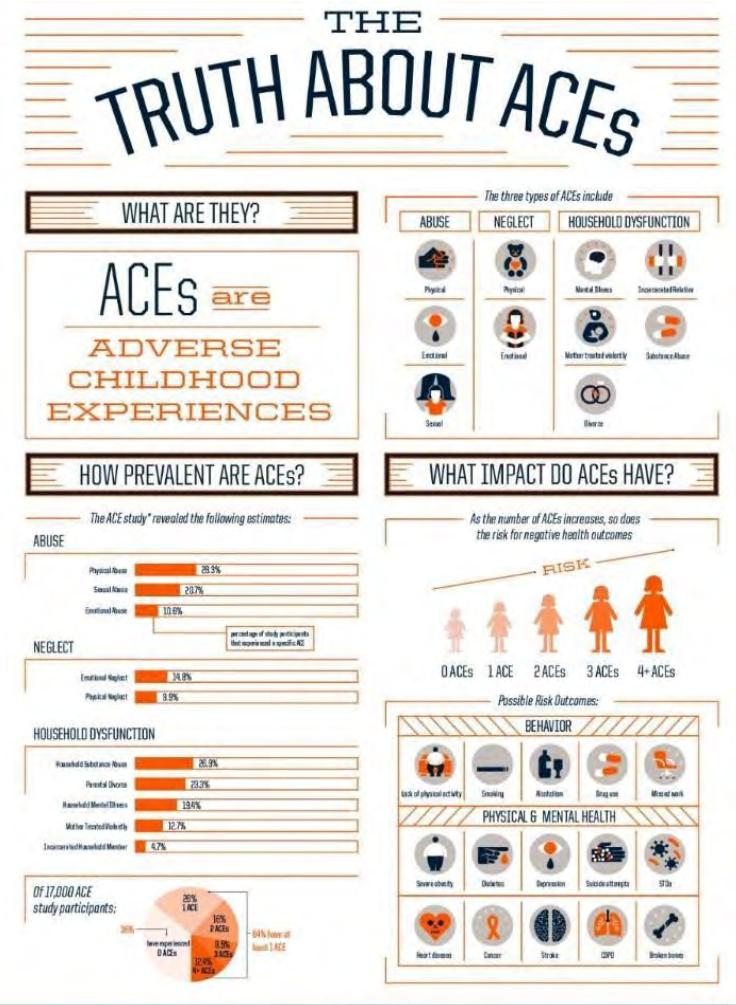


Source: Recovery Research Institute <https://www.recoveryanswers.org/resource/drug-and-alcohol-harm-reduction/>

Trauma Informed Approach

Much like the Harm Reduction Model, implementing a Trauma Informed Approach to services can be accomplished both in macro and micro practice. The Adverse Childhood Experience (ACES) Study unveiled the lasting impacts of childhood trauma and the direct correlation with health outcomes. The 10-question survey assess early trauma experiences and research has shown that as the number of traumatic experiences increase an individual becomes more at risk for a variety of health concerns. Knowing that trauma directly impacts health outcomes, clearly illustrates that incorporating a Trauma Informed Approach within our healthcare systems has the potential to increase successful treatment interventions and improve the overall health of patients and communities. [120]

Take for example, many trauma survivors are either misdiagnosed or underdiagnosed, because general assessment tools to evaluate mental health disorders misclassify posttraumatic symptoms with other disorders. This can result in inappropriate treatment and even re-traumatization.[118]



Screening and Assessing for trauma can support not only reducing misdiagnosis, but more importantly connecting patients with the services, support, and treatment to recover and lead healthier lives.

The impact of trauma and the appearance of addiction has been directly linked. There are three hypotheses posed to explain the relationship between trauma and addictive disorders:

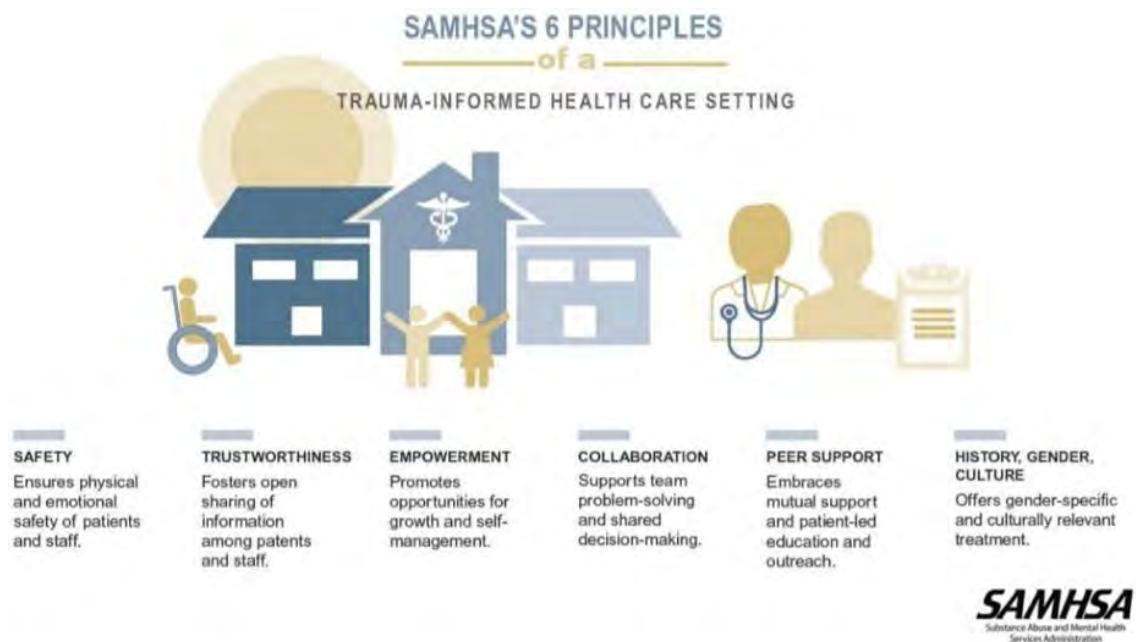
1. The “self-medication” hypothesis suggests that clients with PTSD use substances to manage PTSD symptoms (e.g., intrusive memories, physical arousal). Substances such as alcohol, cocaine, barbiturates, opioids, and amphetamines are frequently used in attempts to relieve or numb emotional pain or to forget the event.
2. The “high-risk” hypothesis states that drug and alcohol use places people who use substances in high-risk situations that increase their chances of being exposed to events that lead to PTSD.
3. The “susceptibility” hypothesis suggests that people who use substances are more susceptible to developing PTSD after exposure to trauma than people who do not. Increased vulnerability may result from failure to develop effective stress management strategies, changes in brain chemistry, or damage to neurophysiological systems due to extensive substance use.^[120]

SAMHSA encourages community service providers and agencies to embrace a Trauma Informed Approach and lists four principles that are the foundation to developing and practicing under this model.

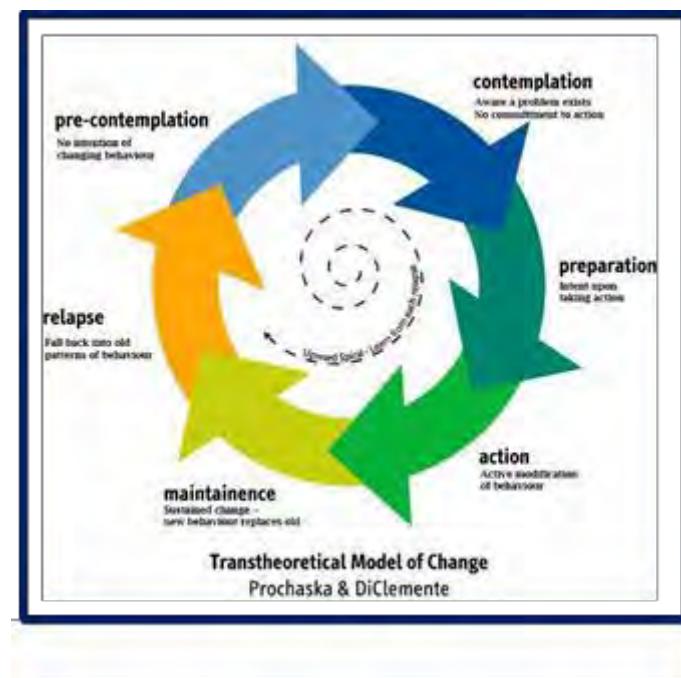
The Four Rs of Trauma-Informed Care



Expanding on these founding principles, SAMHSA has outlined six values and practices that define a Trauma Informed health care agency.

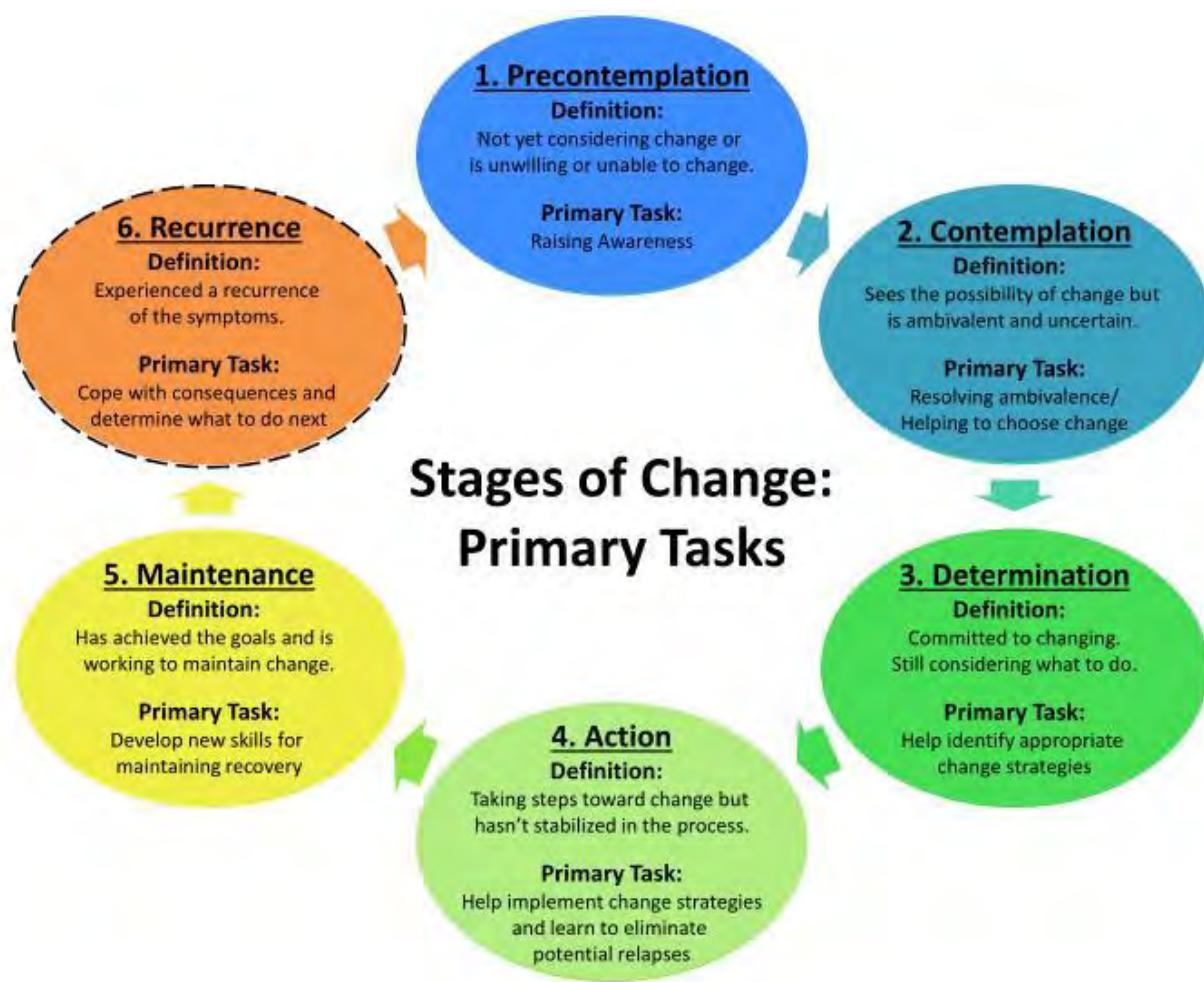


Transtheoretical Model of Change/Stages of Change Model



Source: http://www.therelationshipblog.net/wpcontent/uploads/2016/06/change_1.jpg

Both the Harm Reduction Model and Trauma Informed Approach have the core concept that service providers should be intentional in meeting their clients/patients where they are. Understanding the Transtheoretical Model of Change/Stages of Change Model and assessing an individual's readiness for change allows us to do just that. There are a variety of processes of change that may drive an individual from one stage to another, and the resolution of stage specific tasks supports successful transition to following phase of change. Health care providers should be familiar with these stages of change, processes of change, and primary tasks in order to provide their patients with stage appropriate interventions, which result in more successful treatment outcomes. Motivational Interviewing is a common practice that outlines communication techniques proven to empower and support individuals through the change process. [115]



Source: SAMHSA

STAGES OF CHANGE

RELATED TREATMENT & RECOVERY SUPPORT SERVICES

PRECONTEMPLATIVE	CONTEMPLATIVE	PREPARATION	ACTION	MAINTENANCE
In this stage, individuals are not even thinking about changing their behavior. They do not see their addiction as a problem: they often think others who point out the problem are exaggerating.	In this stage people are more aware of the personal consequences of their addiction & spend time thinking about their problem. Although they are able to consider the possibility of changing, they tend to be ambivalent about it.	In this stage, people have made a commitment to make a change. This stage involves information gathering about what they will need to change their behavior.	In this stage, individuals believe they have the ability to change their behavior & actively take steps to change their behavior.	In this stage, individuals maintain their sobriety, successfully avoiding temptations & relapse.
				
HARM REDUCTION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Emergency Services (i.e. Narcan) * Needle Exchanges * Supervised Injection Sites SCREENING & FEEDBACK <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Brief Advice * Motivational Interventions SCREENING, BRIEF INTERVENTION, & REFERRAL TO TREATMENT (SBIRT)	CLINICAL INTERVENTION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Phases/Levels (e.g., inpatient, residential, outpatient) * Intervention Types <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Psychosocial (e.g. Cognitive Behavioral Therapy) - Medications: Agonists (e.g. Buprenorphine, Methadone) & Antagonists (Naltrexone) NON-CLINICAL INTERVENTION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Self-Management/Natural Recovery (e.g. self-help books, online resources) * Mutual Help Organizations (e.g. Alcoholics Anonymous, SMART Recovery, Lifeling Secular Recovery) * Community Support Services (e.g. Recovery Community Centers, Recovery Ministries, Recovery Employment Assistance) 	CONTINUING CARE (3m- 1 year) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recovery Management Checkups, Telephone Counseling, Mobile Applications, Text Message Interventions RECOVERY MONITORING (1-5+ yrs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued Recovery Management Checkups, therapy visits, Primary Care Provider Visits 		

Use CDC Guideline for Prescribing Opioids

1 Nonpharmacologic therapy and nonopioid pharmacologic therapy are preferred for chronic pain. Clinicians should consider opioid therapy only if expected benefits for both pain and function are anticipated to outweigh risks to the patient. If opioids are used, they should be combined with nonpharmacologic therapy and nonopioid pharmacologic therapy, as appropriate.

2 Before starting opioid therapy for chronic pain, clinicians should establish treatment goals with all patients, including realistic goals for pain and function, and should consider how opioid therapy will be discontinued if benefits do not outweigh risks. Clinicians should continue opioid therapy only if there is clinically meaningful improvement in pain and function that outweighs risks to patient safety.

3 Before starting and periodically during opioid therapy, clinicians should discuss with patients known risks and realistic benefits of opioid therapy and patient and clinician responsibilities for managing therapy.

CLINICAL REMINDERS

- Use immediate-release opioids when starting
- Start low and go slow
- When opioids are needed for acute pain, prescribe no more than needed
- Do not prescribe ER/LA opioids for acute pain
- Follow-up and re-evaluate risk of harm; reduce dose or taper and discontinue if needed

4 When starting opioid therapy for chronic pain, clinicians should prescribe immediate-release opioids instead of extended-release/long-acting (ER/LA) opioids.

5 When opioids are started, clinicians should prescribe the lowest effective dosage. Clinicians should use caution when prescribing opioids at any dosage, should carefully reassess evidence of individual benefits and risks when considering increasing dosage to ≥ 30 morphine milligram equivalents (MME)/day, and should avoid increasing dosage to ≥ 90 MME/day or carefully justify a decision to titrate dosage to ≥ 90 MME/day.

6 Long-term opioid use often begins with treatment of acute pain. When opioids are used for acute pain, clinicians should prescribe the lowest effective dose of immediate-release opioids and should prescribe no greater quantity than needed for the expected duration of pain severe enough to require opioids. Three days or less will often be sufficient; more than seven days will rarely be needed.

7 Clinicians should evaluate benefits and harms with patients within 1 to 4 weeks of starting opioid therapy for chronic pain or of dose escalation. Clinicians should evaluate benefits and harms of continued therapy with patients every 3 months or more frequently. If benefits do not outweigh harms of continued opioid therapy, clinicians should optimize other therapies and work with patients to taper opioids to lower dosages or to taper and discontinue opioids.

8 Before starting and periodically during continuation of opioid therapy, clinicians should evaluate risk factors for opioid-related harms. Clinicians should incorporate into the management plan strategies to mitigate risk, including considering offering naloxone when factors that increase risk for opioid overdose, such as history of overdose, history of substance use disorder, higher opioid dosages (>50 MME/day), or concurrent benzodiazepine use, are present.

9 Clinicians should review the patient's history of controlled substance prescriptions using state prescription drug monitoring program (PDMP) data to determine whether the patient is receiving opioid dosages or dangerous combinations that put him or her at high risk for overdose. Clinicians should review PDMP data when starting opioid therapy for chronic pain and periodically during opioid therapy for chronic pain, ranging from every prescription to every 3 months.

10 When prescribing opioids for chronic pain, clinicians should use urine drug testing before starting opioid therapy and consider urine drug testing at least annually to assess for prescribed medications as well as other controlled prescription drugs and illicit drugs.

11 Clinicians should avoid prescribing opioid pain medication and benzodiazepines concurrently whenever possible.

12 Clinicians should offer or arrange evidence-based treatment (usually medication-assisted treatment with buprenorphine or methadone in combination with behavioral therapies) for patients with opioid use disorder.

CLINICAL REMINDERS

- Evaluate risk factors for opioid-related harms
- Check PDMP for high dosages and prescriptions from other providers
- Use urine drug testing to identify prescribed substances and undisclosed use
- Avoid concurrent benzodiazepine and opioid prescribing
- Arrange treatment for opioid use disorder if needed



Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/drugoverdose/prescribing/guideline.html>

Patient Screening and Assessment

Research has shown that the development of addictive disorders and risk for overdose are impacted by a range of biopsychosocial influences. Screening and assessing potential risk factors beyond physical health lead to more accurate diagnosis and thus effective treatment interventions. Using evidence-based screening and assessment tools to guide referral and treatment decisions is best practice:

Pain Screening Tools:

- Pain Assessment and Documentation Tool (PADT)- designed to be easily included in a patient's medical record and to facilitate ongoing evaluation of patient pain and documentation of pain management.
- The McCaffrey Initial Pain Assessment can be used to guide health care professionals through an initial assessment of patient pain.

Behavioral Health Screening Tools:

- Patient Health Questionnaire (PHQ-9)- common screening tool for depression
- Patient Stress Questionnaire- used in primary care settings to screen for behavioral health symptoms.
- Life Events Checklist (LEC)- A brief, 17-item, self-report measure designed to screen for potentially traumatic events in a respondent's lifetime. The LEC assesses exposure to 16 events known to potentially result in PTSD or distress and includes one item assessing any other extraordinarily stressful event not captured in the first 16 items.
- Primary Care PTSD Screen (PC-PTSD) designed for use in primary care and other medical settings to screen for possible PTSD
- Generalized Anxiety Disorder 7-item (GAD-7) scale- screens for generalized anxiety
- Adverse Childhood Experience (ACEs) Questionnaire-screens for potential trauma during childhood.

Opioid Use Specific Screening Tools:

Clinical Opiate Withdrawal Scale (COWS) is an 11-item scale designed to be administered by a clinician. This tool can be used in both inpatient and outpatient settings to reproducibly rate common signs and symptoms of opiate withdrawal and monitor these symptoms over time.

Substance Use Screening and Assessment Tools: *Source: National Institute on Drug Abuse*

Tool	Substance type		Patient age		How tool is administered	
	Alcohol	Drugs	Adults	Adolescents	Self-administered	Clinician-administered
Screens						
Screening to Brief Intervention (S2BI)	X	X		X	X	X
Brief Screener for Alcohol, Tobacco, and other Drugs (BSTAD)	X	X		X	X	X
Tobacco, Alcohol, Prescription medication, and other Substance use (TAPS)	X	X	X		X	X

Tool	Substance type		Patient age		How tool is administered	
	Alcohol	Drugs	Adults	Adolescents	Self-administered	Clinician-administered
NIDA Drug Use Screening Tool: Quick Screen (NMASST)	X	X	X	See APA Adapted NM ASSIST tools	See APA Adapted NM ASSIST tools	X
Alcohol Use Disorders Identification Test-C (AUDIT-C (PDF, 41KB))	X		X		X	X
Alcohol Use Disorders Identification Test (AUDIT (PDF, 233KB))	X		X			X
Opioid Risk Tool (PDF, 168KB)		X	X		X	
CAGE-AID (PDF, 30KB)	X	X	X			X
CAGE (PDF, 14KB)	X		X			X
Helping Patients Who Drink Too Much: A Clinician's Guide (NIAAA)	X		X			X
Alcohol Screening and Brief Intervention for Youth: A Practitioner's Guide (NIAAA)	X			X		X
Assessments						
Tobacco, Alcohol, Prescription medication, and other Substance use (TAPS)	X	X	X		X	X
CRAFFT	X	X		X	X	X
Drug Abuse Screen Test (DAST-10)* <i>For use of this tool - please contact Dr. Harvey Skinner</i>		X	X		X	X
Drug Abuse Screen Test (DAST-20: Adolescent version)* <i>For use of this tool - please contact Dr. Harvey Skinner</i>			X	X	X	X
NIDA Drug Use Screening Tool (NMASST)	X	X	X			X
Helping Patients Who Drink Too Much: A Clinician's Guide (NIAAA)	X		X			X
Alcohol Screening and Brief Intervention for Youth: A Practitioner's Guide (NIAAA)	X			X		X

*Tools with associated fees

Patients Who Benefit From Naloxone Prescription

"I, Surgeon General of the United States Public Health Service, VADM Jerome Adams, am emphasizing the importance of the overdose-reversing drug naloxone. For patients currently taking high doses of opioids as prescribed for pain, individuals misusing prescription opioids, individuals using illicit opioids such as heroin or fentanyl, health care practitioners, family and friends of people who have an opioid use disorder, and community members who come into contact with people at risk for opioid overdose, knowing how to use naloxone and keeping it within reach can save a life.

BE PREPARED. GET NALOXONE. SAVE A LIFE."

***Surgeon General Jerome Adams, MD, MPH
2018***

Naloxone is not a controlled substance and can be prescribed routinely to patients at risk of an opioid overdose or family, friends, and caregivers of individuals at risk of an opioid overdose. Patients who could benefit from naloxone prescription include those who: [4], [67], [15]

1. Have received emergency medical care for opioid detoxification or overdose
2. Have just been released from incarceration or institutionalization with a history of opioid addiction
3. Have reported or suspected history of harmful substance use or non-medical opioid use
4. Have a known severe psychiatric illness or history of suicide attempt
5. Are on medication assisted therapy for opiate addiction (such as methadone or buprenorphine)
6. Are prescribed long-acting opioids
7. Are on a higher dose (>50 mg morphine equivalent/day) opioid prescription or have used opioids for greater than 30 days
8. Have a history of current poly-opioid use
9. Have received opioid pain prescription plus:
 - a. Have rotated from one opioid to another because of possible incomplete cross-tolerance
 - b. Are smoking or have COPD, emphysema, asthma, sleep apnea, respiratory infection, other respiratory illness
 - c. Have been diagnosed with renal dysfunction, hepatic disease, cardiac illness, HIV/AIDS
 - d. Have known or suspected current alcohol use
 - e. Have concurrent prescription or OTC medication that could potentiate the Central Nervous System and respiratory depressant properties of opioid medication such as benzodiazepines or other sedative medications, antipsychotics, carisoprodol or antihistamine use
 - f. Have concurrent antidepressant prescription
10. Have difficulty accessing emergency medical services (distance, remoteness, lack of transportation, homelessness and/or without phone services)
11. Are from households with people at risk of overdose, such as children or someone with a substance use disorder
12. Are elderly (>65) receiving an opioid prescription
13. Are teens receiving an opioid prescription
14. Have requested naloxone

Prescribe/ Co-Prescribe Naloxone

Both HHS and the FDA have supported implementation of prescription and co-prescription protocols to increase naloxone access. Because of the State-Wide Standing Order, a prescription is not needed however it does encourage individuals to follow through and access the medication.

When prescribing naloxone:

1. Educate patients on how to recognize an overdose, how to respond with naloxone, and how changes in tolerance can increase the risk of opioid overdose. Overdose prevention education could be a part of a Screening, Brief Intervention, or Referral to Treatment (SBIRT), which can be billed as CPT 99408, G0396, or H0050. [98]
2. Consider insurance coverage and pricing to meet patient access needs when prescribing:
 - a. NARCAN® (naloxone hydrochloride) nasal spray: Nasal spray- 2 mg and 4 mg of naloxone hydrochloride
 - b. EVZIO® (naloxone hydrochloride injection) Auto-Injector for intramuscular or subcutaneous use 2 mg
 - c. Nasal naloxone: 2x 2mg/2ml prefilled Luer-Lock ready needleless syringes. The atomization device can be purchased by patients through a pharmacy
 - d. Intramuscular naloxone: 2x 0.4mg/ml single dose 1 ml vials and 2x intramuscular syringes
3. Assess for patient's interest in behavior changes and as appropriate introduce and refer to treatment services.
4. Alert local pharmacy before sending naloxone prescription to ensure it is properly stocked. [15]

Odyssey House Implementation of Naloxone Distribution Protocols

As an addiction treatment facility, Odyssey House LA serves individuals who are at a high risk of a potentially fatal opioid overdose. For this reason, OHL has implemented naloxone distribution workflow to ensure all clients leaving services receive a naloxone kit. In house naloxone distribution includes a Naloxone Prescription Protocol (Appendix), Naloxone Distribution workflow for Uninsured Individuals, and Outreach Protocols.

CONCLUSION



Federal, state, and local governance is working in collaboration with various stakeholders to address and reduce the impacts of the opioid epidemic. Though we have seen some progress and a slight decline in opioid related fatalities, this epidemic continues to be the leading cause of accidental death in the US. We are beginning to witness the permeating effects as the average American life expectancy declines, employers feel the national workforce hindered, parental substance use becomes a growing cause for child foster care placement, and newborns diagnosed with opioid addiction continues to rise.

Although our nation has committed a significant budget towards addressing this public health crisis, dollars will not cure this disease. Recognizing the underlying influence stigma, socio-economic determinants, and structural discrimination has on health outcomes is the first step towards effective prevention and treatment. Policy makers, healthcare workers, and all direct service providers must align interventions with their professional guidelines and ethical responsibility to the wellbeing of the individuals they serve. The opioid epidemic has finally allowed us to acknowledge and respect the true nature of addiction with its ability to rob us of loved ones and debilitate communities. Let this be an opportunity to shift our perspective and approach to addressing behavioral health.

Naloxone has given us all a second chance to confront addiction. Implementation of Harm Reduction policies, Trauma Informed Care, and Stage appropriate interventions lie in the essential respect, acceptance, and compassion towards others that empowers individuals through the process of change.

The crisis is complex and often appears impossible to untangle, but genuine human connection is the foundation to recovery. We have the opportunity to heal through knowledge, understanding, and professional care. With community wide education, we can dissolve stigma, advance systematic and direct care interventions, and improve the health of our communities.

WANT MORE INFORMATION?



Resources for Prescribers:

1. National Pain Strategy: A Comprehensive Population Health-Level Strategy for Pain: https://iprcc.nih.gov/sites/default/files/HHSNational_Pain_Strategy_508C.pdf
2. Quality Improvement and Care Coordination: Implementing the CDC Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain: www.cdc.gov/drugoverdose/prescribing/qi-cc.html
3. Implementing Care for Alcohol and Other Drug Use in Medical Settings: https://integration.samhsa.gov/sbirt/Implementing_Care_for_Alcohol_and_Other_Drug_Use_In_Medical_Settings_-_An_Extension_of_SBIRT.pdf
4. Substance Use Screening and Assessment Instruments Database: <http://lib.adai.washington.edu/instruments/>
5. Prescribe to Prevent: Prescribetoprevent.org

Resources for Individuals Treating Substance Use Disorder:

1. Opioid Overdose Prevention and Related Trauma: Incorporating Overdose Prevention, Responses, and Experience into Substance Use Disorder Treatment: <http://prescribetoprevent.org/wp2015/wp-content/uploads/Incorporating-OD-into-SUD-Tx-12.141.pdf>
2. Substance Use Screening and Assessment Instruments Database: <http://lib.adai.washington.edu/instruments/>
3. Treating Substance Use Disorder and Quick Reference Guide: http://psychiatryonline.org/pb/assets/raw/sitewide/practice_guidelines/guidelines/substance-use-guide.pdf

Resources for Stakeholders:

1. Prescription Drug Abuse Policy System: <http://www.pdaps.org/>
2. Louisiana Opioid Surveillance Portal: <https://lodss.ldh.la.gov/>
3. Naloxone Info: NaloxoneInfo.org
4. Harm Reduction Coalition: Harmreduction.org
5. Project Lazarus: Projectlazarus.org
6. Overdose Prevention Alliance: Overdosepreventionalliance.org
7. SAMHSA Opioid Overdose Prevention Toolkit: <https://store.samhsa.gov/shin/content//SMA18-4742/SMA18-4742.pdf>
8. Louisiana Opioid Response Plan: <http://ldh.la.gov/assets/opioid/LaOpioidResponsePlan2019.pdf>

Resources for People Who Use Drugs (PWUD):

1. Getting Off Write: A Safety Manual for Injection Drug Users Harm Reduction Coalition
2. Treatment Options: www.findtreatment.samhsa.gov
3. Find Local resources: <https://www.addictionresourcecenter.org/find-local-resources>
4. Find Local Buprenorphine Providers: <https://www.samhsa.gov/medication-assisted-treatment/practitioner-program-data/treatment-practitioner-locator>
5. Find Treatment: <https://findtreatment.gov/>

Naloxone Access Programs:

1. LADOJ Naloxone Request Form: <https://www.ag.state.la.us/Article/2408/5>
2. Evzio2You Enrollment Form: For commercial insurance carriers
3. Kaleo Cares Patient Assistance Program: For uninsured or government insurance carriers
4. EVZIO® (naloxone HCl injection) Product Donation Grant Program:
To apply for the EVZIO product donation grant please visit: <https://external-kaleo.idea-point.com/Submit.aspx?groupid=GRANTS>
5. Direct Relief:Pfizer is working with Direct relief to make up to 1 million doses of naloxone available at no cost to qualified nonprofit health providers and public health departments nationwide (Contact usaprograms@directrelief.org 877-303-7872)

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APPENDIX



Addiction Services

Resource Guide 1: Substance Use Resource Guide (English)

Resource Guide 2: Substance Use Resource Guide (Spanish)

Resource Guide 3: Revive. Survive. OverDose Prevention Resource Guide

Naloxone Distribution Templates

Protocol 1: OHL Naloxone Prescription Protocol

Evidence Based Practice Model Worksheet

Worksheet 1: Language Matters: A Quick Guide

Worksheet 2: Assessing Your Stage of Change Worksheet

Worksheet 3: Harm Reduction Coalition- Overdose Prevention Worksheet

Worksheet 4: Overdose Prevention Frequently Asked Questions

Worksheet 5: Voluntary Non-Opioid Directive Form

Worksheet 6: SBIRT Guidelines

Naloxone Access Programs

Guide 1: Naloxone Donation and Purchasing Guide

Enrollment Form 1: Ezvio 2 You Enrollment Form- For commercial insurance carriers who are concerned about risk of an overdose from opioid use for chronic pain.

Enrollment Form 2: Ezvio 2 You Enrollment Form- For commercial insurance carriers who are concerned about risk of an overdose from opioid misuse or dependence.

Enrollment Form 3: Kaleo Cares Patient Assistance Program- For individuals who are uninsured or have government insurance

Enrollment forms can be faxed to 5 pharmacies servicing Louisiana: Avella of Austin- phone: (877) 470-7608 fax: (877) 480-1746

Avella of Deer Valley- Phone (877) 546-5779 Fax (877) 546-5780

Ezvio Direct- Phone (844) 805-8884 Fax: (844) 805-8885

Palliative Pharmacy Solutions- Phone (337) 262-9777 Fax (844) 200-9771

Walker- Phone (225) 243-4852 Fax (225) 243-7983

Request Form 1: State of Louisiana- Department of Justice Naloxone Request Form (First Responders only)

Screening and Assessment Tools

Tool 1: Adverse Childhood Experiences Questionnaire

Tool 2: Opioid Risk Tool

Tool 3: Screener and Opioid Assessment for Patients with Pain-Revised

Tool 4: Screening Instrument for Substance Abuse Potential Questionnaire

Tool 5: DIRE Score- Patient Selection for Chronic Opioid Analgesia

Tool 6: Drug Abuse Screening - DAST-10

Tool 7: Current Opioid Misuse Measure (COMM)

Tool 8: Pain Medication Questionnaire (PMQ)- Information Sheet

Tool 9: Pain Assessment and Documentation Tool (PADT)

Tool 10: Addiction Behavior Checklist

Legislation

Policy 1: Naloxone Standing Order

Policy 2: Good Samaritan Law

Policy 3: Prescription Monitoring Program

ORLEANS PARISH SUBSTANCE USE RESOURCES

Medically Supported Detox

Utilizes basic oral medications to treat

symptoms of withdrawal for people.

Odyssey House Louisiana

4730 Washington Avenue, New Orleans, LA

- Capacity: 40 Beds
- Age Requirement: 18+ years old
- Insurance: Medicaid, Uninsured
- Phone: (504) 821-9211, option 1
- Website: www.ohlinc.org
- For referrals: Referrals.ohlinc.org

Qualis Care

4201 Woodland Dr. New Orleans, LA

- Capacity: 12 Beds
- Age Requirement: 18+ years old
- Insurance: Medicaid, private insurance, private pay
- Phone (504) 272-2350
- Website: www.qualiscare.com

Clinics

Metropolitan Human Services District (MHSD)

Algiers Behavioral Health Center: 3100 General DeGaulle Dr. New Orleans
Central City Behavioral Health & Access Center: 2221 Phillip St. New Orleans
Charlottes-Pontchartrain Behavioral Health Center: 719 Elysian Fields New Orleans
New Orleans East Behavioral Health Center: 5630 Read Blvd. New Orleans

- Open-access and scheduled appointments
- Adult & Child Services
- Insurance: Medicaid & Medically Uninsured
- Phone: (504)-568-3130
- Website: www.MHSDLA.org

Odyssey House Louisiana Community Health Center

1125 N Tonti Street New Orleans LA 70119

- Open-access and scheduled appointments
- Adult Primary Care & Behavioral Health Services
- Insurance: Medicaid & Medically Uninsured
- Phone: (504) 821-9211, Option 2
- Website: www.ohlinc.org

Intensive Outpatient Program

CADA Prevention & Recovery Center

2640 Canal Street New Orleans, LA

- Capacity: Same day or next day appointments; no capacity limitations
- Age Requirement: 18+ years
- Insurance: Medicaid & uninsured
- Phone: (504) 821-2232
- Website: www.cadagno.org

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Residential Programs

In-house residential drug rehabilitation programs, which intensively focuses on the most basic aspects of drug rehab treatment, such as abstinence from drug abuse, life skills building, and recovery tools.

Bridge House/Grace House

4150 Earhart Blvd, New Orleans, LA

- Capacity: 84 Males/51 Females
- Pregnant women welcomed
- Age Requirement: 18+ years old
- Insurance: Medicaid
- Phone: (504) 821-7120
- www.bridgehouse.org

Odyssey House Louisiana

1125 N. Tonti Street, New Orleans, LA

- Capacity: 144 Beds
- Pregnant women welcomed
- Age Requirement: 18+ years old
- Insurance: Medicaid, Uninsured
- Phone: (504) 821-9211, option 3
- Website: www.ohlinc.org
- For referrals: www.referrals.ohlinc.org

Qualis Care

4201 Woodland Dr. New Orleans, LA

- Capacity: 38 beds
- Age Requirement: 18+ years old
- Insurance: Medicaid, private insurance, private pay
- Phone: (504) 272-2350
- Website: www.qualiscare.com

IOP with Housing

Odyssey House Louisiana

1125 N. Tonti Street, New Orleans, LA

- Capacity: 30 Beds
- Age Requirement: 18+ years old
- Insurance: Medicaid & uninsured
- Phone: (504) 821-9211 - option 4
- Website: www.ohlinc.org
- Referrals: Referrals.ohlinc.org

Medication Assisted Treatment

Medication-assisted treatment (MAT), including opioid treatment programs (OTPs), combines behavioral therapy and medications to treat substance use disorders.

Health Care for the Homeless

Algiers: 1111 Newton St. New Orleans

Central City: 2222 Simon Bolivar Ave. 2nd Floor, New Orleans

Downtown: 1530 Gravier St. New Orleans

- Capacity: no capacity limits
- Age Requirement: 18+ years old
- Insurance: Medicaid & Private
- Phone: (504) 658-2785

Odyssey House Louisiana

1125 N Tonti Street New Orleans

- Capacity: no capacity limits
- Age Requirement: 18+ years old
- Insurance: Medicaid & uninsured
- Phone: (504) 821-9211, Option 2
- Website: www.ohlinc.org

Qualis Care

4201 Woodland Dr. New Orleans

- Capacity: no capacity limits
- Age Requirement: 18+ years old
- Insurance: Medicaid, private insurance, private pay
- Phone: (504) 272-2350
- Website: www.qualiscare.com

BHG - Methadone Provider

2235 Poydras St. Ste. B, New Orleans

- Capacity: no capacity limits
- Age Requirement: 18+ years old
- Insurance: Private insurance or self-pay
- Phone: (504) 524-7205
- Website: www.bhgrecovery.com

University Medical Center - Integrated Health Clinic

Buprenorphine/medication assisted treatment for patients with opiate use disorder who want to stop using, provided in a supportive primary care setting.

2000 Canal Street, New Orleans

- Capacity: No capacity limits
- Age Requirement: 18+ years old
- Insurance: All major insurances including Medicaid
- Phone: (504) 962-6110

DID YOU KNOW?

There are new treatment and prevention opportunities to protect you and those around you from hepatitis.

More than 4 million people in the US are living with viral Hepatitis. Most don't know it!

Hepatitis A can be prevented with a safe, effective vaccine.

Many people got infected with Hepatitis B before the vaccine was widely available.

Treatments are available that can cure Hepatitis C.

Interested in getting tested for HIV or Hep C? Go to www.gettested.cdc.gov to find your nearest location!

In Louisiana, the number of newborns diagnosed with neonatal abstinence syndrome nearly tripled in 10 years due to increasing opiate use among pregnant women.

Interested in supportive services while pregnant? Call Healthy Start New Orleans at (504) 658-2600 for more information.

FREE trainings regarding Opioid Epidemic for community members, pharmacists, prescribers, services providers, EVERYONE!

Please call the **Revive. Survive. OverDose Prevention** Program of OHL at (504) 418-4995.

SYRINGE ACCESS PROGRAMS

Crescent Care

1631 Elysian Fields, New Orleans
Fridays 12:00-5:00pm

Trystereo

For free supplies, TEXT (504) 535-4766 to meet up with a volunteer.

Women With A Vision

1266 N. Broad St. New Orleans
Phone: (504) 301-0428

PARROQUIA DE ORLEANS

RECURSOS PARA EL USO DE SUSTANCIAS

Desintoxicación con Soporte y/o Supervisión

Uso de medicamentos orales básicos para tratar los síntomas de la abstinencia en las personas.

Odyssey House Louisiana

4730 Washington Avenue, New Orleans, LA

- Capacidad: 40 Camas
- Edad: Mayores de 18 años
- Seguro de Vida: Medicaid y sin seguro
- Teléfono: (504) 821-9211, opción 1
- Sitio Web: www.ohlinc.org
- Para Referencias: www.referrals.ohlinc.org

Qualis Care

4201 Woodland Dr, New Orleans, LA

- Capacidad: 12 Camas
- Edad: Mayores de 18 años
- Seguro de vida: Medicaid, seguro privado, o pago en efectivo
- Teléfono: (504) 272-2350
- Sitio Web: www.qualiscare.com

Clínicas

Metropolitan Human Services District (MHSD)

Algiers Behavioral Health Center: 3100 General DeGaulle Dr. New Orleans
Central City Behavioral Health & Access Center: 2221 Phillip St. New Orleans
Charlres-Pontchartrain Behavioral Health Center: 719 Elysian Fields New Orleans
New Orleans East Behavloral Health Center: 5630 Read Blvd. New Orleans

- Acceso abierto y citas programadas
- Servicios para adultos y niños
- Seguro de vida: Medicaid & sin seguro
- Teléfono: (504)-568-3130
- Sitio Web: www.MHSDLA.org

Odyssey House Louisiana Community Health Center

1125 N Tonti Street New Orleans LA 70119

- Acceso abierto y citas programadas
- Atención primaria para adultos y servicios de salud conductual
- Seguro de Salud: Medicaid y sin seguro
- Teléfono: (504) 821-9211, opción 2
- Sitio Web: www.ohlinc.org

Programa Intensivo Para Pacientes Ambulatorios

CADA Prevention & Recovery Center

2640 Canal Street New Orleans, LA

- Capacidad: Citas el mismo día o para el día siguiente; sin límite
- Edad: Mayores de 18 años
- Seguro de Vida: Medicaid y sin seguro
- Teléfono: (504) 821-2232
- Sitio Web: www.cadagno.org

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Programas Residenciales

Programas de rehabilitación de drogas para residentes internos enfocados de manera intensa en los aspectos más básicos del tratamiento, como abstinencia por el abuso de drogas, desarrollo de habilidades para la vida y herramientas de recuperación.

Bridge House/Grace House

4150 Earhart Blvd, New Orleans, LA

- Capacidad: 84 Hombres/51 Mujeres
- Mujeres embarazadas son bienvenidas
- Edad: Mayores de 18 años
- Seguro de Vida: Medicaid
- Teléfono: (504) 821-7120
- Sitio Web: www.bridgehouse.org

Odyssey House Louisiana

1125 N. Tonti Street, New Orleans, LA

- Capacidad: 144 Camas
- Mujeres embarazadas son bienvenidas
- Edad: Mayores de 18 años
- Seguro de Vida: Medicaid y sin seguro
- Teléfono: (504) 821-9211, opción 3
- Sitio Web: www.ohlinc.org
- Para referencias: www.referrals.ohlinc.org

Qualis Care

4201 Woodland Dr. New Orleans, LA

- Capacidad: 38 Camas
- Edad: Mayores de 18 años
- Seguro de Vida: Medicaid, seguro privado, pago en efectivo
- Teléfono: (504) 272-2350
- Sitio Web: www.qualiscare.com

Programa Intensivo Para Pacientes Ambulatorios con Vivienda

Odyssey House Louisiana

1125 N. Tonti Street, New Orleans, LA

- Capacidad: 30 Camas
- Edad: Mayores de 18 años
- Seguro de Vida: Medicaid y sin seguro
- Teléfono: (504) 821-9211, opción 4
- Sitio Web: www.ohlinc.org
- Para Referencias: [Referrals.ohlinc.org](http://www.referrals.ohlinc.org)

Tratamiento Asistido con Medicamento

El tratamiento asistido con medicamentos (MAT), incluye los programas de tratamiento (OTP), combinando terapia conductual con medicamentos para tratar los trastornos por uso de sustancias.

Health Care for the Homeless

Algiers: 1111 Newton St, New Orleans
Central City: 2222 Simon Bolivar Ave, 2nd Floor,
New Orleans

Downtown: 1530 Gravier St, New Orleans

- Capacidad: Sin límites
- Edad: Mayores de 18 años
- Seguro de Vida: Medicaid y seguro privado
- Teléfono: (504) 658-2785

Odyssey House Louisiana

1125 N Tonti Street New Orleans

- Capacidad: Sin límites
- Edad: Mayores de 18 años
- Seguro de Vida: Medicaid y sin seguro
- Teléfono: (504) 821-9211, opción 2
- Sitio Web: www.ohlinc.org

Qualis Care

4201 Woodland Dr, New Orleans

- Capacidad: Sin límites
- Edad: Mayores de 18 años
- Seguro de Vida: Medicaid, seguro privado, pago en efectivo
- Teléfono: (504) 272-2350
- Sitio Web: www.qualiscare.com

BHG - Methadone Provider

2235 Poydras St, Ste. B, New Orleans

- Capacidad: Sin límites
- Edad: Mayores de 18 años
- Seguro de Vida: Seguro privado y pago en efectivo
- Teléfono: (504) 524-7205
- Sitio Web: www.bhgrecovery.com

University Medical Center - Integrated Health Clinic

En un entorno de atención primaria se brinda tratamiento médico asistido con buprenorfina para pacientes con trastorno por consumo de opioides que desean dejar de consumir.

2000 Canal Street, New Orleans

- Capacidad: Sin límites
- Edad: Mayores de 18 años
- Seguro de Vida: Todos los seguros principales, incluido Medicaid
- Teléfono: (504) 962-6110

¿SABIAS QUE?

Existen nuevas oportunidades de tratamiento, protección, y de prevención de la hepatitis para protegerlo a usted y a quienes lo rodean.

Mas de 4 millones de personas en los Estados Unidos viven con Hepatitis viral. ¡La mayoría no lo saben!

La Hepatitis A se puede prevenir con una vacuna segura y efectiva.

Muchas personas se han contagiado con Hepatitis B antes de que vacuna estuviera disponible al público.

Existen tratamientos disponibles que pueden curar la Hepatitis C.

¿Interesado en realizarse una prueba del VIH o de Hepatitis C?

Visite www.gettested.cdc.gov para encontrar su localidad mas cercana!

En Louisiana, el numero de recién nacidos diagnosticados con síndrome de abstinencia neonatal casi se ha triplicado en 10 años debido al aumento del uso de opioides entre mujeres.

¿Interesada en servicios de apoyo durante el embarazo? Llame a Healthy Start New Orleans al (504) 658-2600 para obtener mas información.

iCapacitaciones **GRATUITAS** sobre la depidemia de opioides para miembros de la comunidad, farmacéuticos, prescriptores, proveedores de servicios, TODOS!

Por favor llame a programa de **Prevención de Sobredosis. Revivir. Sobrevivir** de OHL al (504) 418-4995.

PROGRAMA DE ACCESO A JERINGA

Crescent Care

1631 Elysian Fields, New Orleans
Viernes 12:00-5:00pm

Trystereo

Para suministros gratis, textea a (504) 535-4766 para reunirse con un voluntario.

Women With A Vision

1266 N. Broad St, New Orleans
Teléfono: (504) 301-0428

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Resource Guide**

Local Pharmacies Known to Carry Naloxone:

1. Any Walgreens
2. Avita Pharmacy: 1631 Elysian Fields Ave, 2nd floor
3. Crescent City Pharmacy: 2240 Simon Blvd, New Orleans 504-267-4113
4. University Medical Center Pharmacy : 2000 Canal St New Orleans 504-702-3000



Local Addiction Services:

Agency	Services	Payment	Location	Telephone	MAT Medications if Available
211- Via Link	24/7 telephone resource for counseling and social services	Free	http://www.vialink.org/	211	
Alcoholics Anonymous	Peer Support Group (12-step Program) Sponsor services	Free	Central Office 638 Papworth Ave Metairie, LA 70005 www.aaneworleans.org	24- Hour Hotline 504.838.3399 Office 504.836.0507	
Bethel Colony South Transformation Ministries	Faith Based Women at the Well Family House Transitional living Program	Free	4114 Old Gentilly Rd, New Orleans, LA 70126	504.943.0456	
BHG Clinic	Medication-Assisted Treatment Addiction Counseling	Humana, Tricare, Private, Grants for eligible individuals	Downtown Office: 2235 Poydras St. Suite B New Orleans, LA 70119 West Bank Office: 1141 Whitney Ave Gretna, LA 70056	504.524.7205 504.347.1120	Suboxone Methadone

Bridge House/ Grace House	Bridge House: Long term residential substance use treatment for males Grace House: Long term residential substance use treatment for Females Pregnant women are PRIORITY	Free if qualified, Medicaid, Medicare	4150 Earhart Blvd. New Orleans, LA 70125	504.821.7120	Does not prescribe medication but does allow individuals to follow prior MAT regimen
CADA Prevention & Recovery Center	Intensive Outpatient Program	Medicaid Uninsured	2640 Canal St New Orleans, LA	504.821.2232	
CrescentCare New Orleans Syringe Access Program	Safe Sterile Syringes Safe Injection Materials Authorized Syringe Disposal	Free	1631 Elysian Fields Ave New Orleans, LA 70117 Hours of Operation: Fridays 12pm-5pm	504.945.4000	Can provide direct referral to CrescentCare MAT Services
CrescentCare Recovery Works	Intensive Outpatient Program	Most insurances and sliding scale discount eligible patients, Medicaid, Medicare, private insurance	1631 Elysian Fields Ave. New Orleans, LA	504.821.2601	Suboxone
Gateway Recovery Systems	Substance Use Services Domiciliary IOP services IOP Housing Transportation to appointments	Private Pay, Medicaid plans ONLY	4103 Lac Couture Drive Harvey, LA 70058 Westbank	504.368.9935	
Green Path	Outpatient services for Adults and Youth		411 S. Broad Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70119	504.827.2928	
Health Care for the Homeless	Primary Care Services MAT, Referral to Treatment	Medicaid Uninsured	2222 Simon Bolivar Ave, New Orleans, LA 70113	504.658-2785	Suboxone

Jesus Miracle Power	One-year faith-based residential addiction treatment services ONLY offer services to men)	Free	8309 Apple St New Orleans, LA 70118	504.931.5179	Do not permit any mood- or mind- altering medications
Lake Wellness Center	Medical Detox Intensive Outpatient Services	Private Insurance	3620 Chestnut St. New Orleans, LA 70115	504.676.5253	
Living Witness Church of God in Christ, Inc	1-year faith-based male addiction treatment services	\$100 weekly payment or \$400 monthly payment	1528 Oretha Castle Haley Blvd New Orleans, LA 70113	504.524.2959	
Louisiana Adult and Teen Challenge	Faith based residential and education program for youth.	\$750 one time fee	1905 Franklin Ave, New Orleans, LA 70117	504-947-7949	Medication not permitted
Metropolitan Human Services District	Children, youth, and adult services including intellectual/developmental disability and behavioral health services	Uninsured, Medicaid, Medicare	Main Office 3100 General De Gaulle Dr. New Orleans, LA 70114 24/hr Crisis Line	504-568-3130 504.826.2675	Direct referral to BHG Clinics
Narcotics Anonymous	Peer support group (12-step program)	Free	www.nona.org	504.899.6262	
New Orleans Harm Reduction Network Trystereo	Sterile injection equipment Overdose prevention Harm reduction training	Free	http://nolaharmreduction.tumblr.com/	504.535.4766	
Odyssey House Louisiana	Detox Short term adult residential program Long term housing Intensive Outpatient Community Health Center Housing Programs OHMEGA LEAD Program iPrevent Revive.Survive OverDose Prevention	Medicaid or Uninsured	Detox 4730 Washington Ave New Orleans, LA 70125 Residential & Community Health Clinic 1125 N. Tonti St New Orleans, LA 70119 Prevention Department 2830 Bell St New Orleans, LA 70119	504.821.9211 504.383.8559 504.913.6776	Suboxone Vivitrol

Responsibility House	Residential treatment program, outpatient treatment program, housing program	Medicaid, HIV positive individuals in Jefferson Parish (verified by state ID)	Residential Treatment Program Outpatient Treatment Program Supportive Housing 90-day Program	504.367.4234 504.367.4234 504.366.6217	
River Oaks Hospital	Adult Behavioral Health Services, Adolescent Behavioral Health Services, Eating Disorders Treatment, Addictive Disorders/Dual Diagnosis Program, Military Mental Health Program, The New Orleans Institute, Outpatient Treatment Mental Health Programs, People with Homicide Ideation and Suicide Ideation are accepted	Accepts most insurance TRICARE, V.A. Benefits, Medicare, Medicaid	1525 River Oaks Rd W New Orleans, LA 70123	800.366.1740 Or 504.734.1740	Suboxone Vivitrol
Townsend Outpatient Addiction Treatment	Residential, outpatient treatment services, and detox	Most commercial insurance 30-45 days 90 days (depending on insurance provider)	Metairie Office: 4330 Loveland St Ste. A Metairie, LA 70006 New Orleans Office: 5620 Read Blvd. New Orleans, LA 70127 Consultation	504.454.5174 504-513-4200 888.979.7493	
Townsend Inpatient Addiction Treatment		Medicaid, Private, Military	2000 Canal St, New Orleans, LA 70112	(504) 702-3000	Suboxone Vivitrol
University Medical Center	Emergency Department Addiction Treatment Unit	Medicaid, Private, Military	2000 Canal St, New Orleans, LA 70112	(504) 702-3000	Suboxone Vivitrol



Odyssey House Louisiana Naloxone Co-Prescription Protocol

"Given the scope of the opioid crisis, it's critically important that healthcare providers and patients discuss the risks of opioids and how naloxone should be used in the event of an overdose," said Adm. Brett Giroir, MD, assistant secretary for health and senior advisor for opioid policy at HHS, in a statement.

Odyssey House Louisiana's Federally Qualified Health Center has developed and implemented a prescription protocol in their Federally Qualified Health Center located at 1125 N. Tonti Street, New Orleans, LA 70119.

Prescribers are trained to prescribe Naloxone to all patients with an active opioid dx. Clients can refuse or state they are already in possession of Naloxone.

OHL's EHR system has been programmed to populate a reminder for prescribers to prescribe naloxone. The report runs in the background on a schedule and once it is determined that patients are active opioid dx with no naloxone prescription, it generates a high-level patient reminder any time someone opens the chart, until it is marked complete that the patient has received a naloxone prescription.

Below you can find screen shots of the reminder.

***For agencies and individuals who prescribe opioids, the above protocol can be adapted to include co-prescription of naloxone with all opioids (FDA practice recommendation).*

Patient: TEST, BOB
Priority: Medium
Entered By: McCLOUD, KATHY R.
Completed By:
Completed Date:
Entered By:
Date/Time: 2/5/2019 12:03 AM
Entered By: McCLOUD, KATHY R.

Subject: Needs: Naloxone/ Narcan prescription

Note: Please give a Naloxone or Narcan prescription to this patient at the very next visit.

LANGUAGE MATTERS

A QUICK GUIDE



LANGUAGE MATTERS

Our choice of language impacts the quality of care we provide. We must actively work to address and limit the use of stigmatizing language when discussing addiction. Stigma creates barriers to care and leads to poorer health outcomes. For example, parents or expecting parents with substance use disorders often fear judgement and possible consequences as a result of their disorder (i.e. criminal charges or removal of children). This often deters individuals from seeking needed health service such as prenatal care, SUD treatment, and preventative care.

Choice of words significantly impact understanding, perception, and engagement between individuals as well as throughout our systems. To provide appropriate and equitable services to those living with addiction, the following must be understood:

Addiction is a primary, chronic and reoccurring brain disease that affects reward, motivation, memory and related circuitry. Genetics, neurology, psychology, and social influences can all contribute to the appearance of addiction. Addiction can cause permanent disability or premature death, especially when left untreated or treated inadequately [1].

Stigma is defined as an attribute, behavior, or condition that is socially discrediting. It is influenced through the understanding of cause and controllability being either internal or external. The misconception that addiction is a choice and an individual has caused it or can control it has resulted in significant stigma surrounding substance use disorder [2]. As a result, individuals with addiction are less likely than those with other medical conditions, to receive treatment, remain engaged in treatment, or receive adequate services unrelated to addiction. The resulting health disparities illustrate the need for improvements in practice and services.

Shifting language used around addiction is critical in addressing misconceptions of individuals living with substance use disorder and providing effective treatment options.

Harm Reduction is a set of practical strategies and ideas aimed at reducing negative consequences associated with drug use. Harm Reduction is also a movement for social justice built on a belief in, and respect for, the rights of people who use drugs.

Below are recommendations on language to steer away from and alternative language that creates a nonjudgmental space for our community.

NOT THAT SAY THIS!

WHEN REFERRING TO AN INDIVIDUAL:

*Avoid labeling a person by their illness.
These labels imply permanency to the condition
and do not allow space for change.*

- Addict**
- Alcoholic**
- Abuser**
- User**
- Junkie/ Crackhead / Drunk/ Pothead**
- Sober**
- Clean**

*Always use person-first language.
These modifiers give identity to individuals as
people rather than labeling them by their illness.*

- "A person with/in..."**
- Substance use disorder**
- Active disorder/disease/addiction**
- Remission**
- Abstinent from substances**
- Substance/Addiction free**
- Person in recovery**

WHEN REFERRING TO SUBSTANCE USE AND DIAGNOSIS:

*Avoid projecting judgment and stigma.
The following words convey an individual chooses to
have a medical condition, blames the individual and
perpetuates stigma.*

- Misuse**
- Abuse/ Drug abuse/ Substance abuse**
- Drug habit/ Drug problem**
- Drug of Choice**

*Use current medical terminology that objectively
defines substance consumption and its impact on
physical, psychological, and social wellbeing.*

- Use/ Recreational use**
- Unhealthy/ Harmful/ Hazardous use**
- Substance Use Disorder (SUD)**
- Opioid Use Disorder (OUD)**
- Addiction**

WHEN DESCRIBING AN INDIVIDUAL'S BEHAVIOR:

*Avoid descriptions that assume specific behaviors
are the result of an individual's character rather than
accounting for the neurological impact of addiction
that influences decision making and behavior.*

- Drug seeking**
- Manipulative**
- Non-compliant/ Resistant**

*Use a strength-based approach in understanding
and describing behavior.*

- Trying to get specific needs met**
- Choosing not to; would rather...**
- Prefers not to; is unsure about**
- Ambivalent**
- Task may not be culturally appropriate**

WHEN DESCRIBING MEDICAL EQUIPMENT OR PROCEDURES SUCH AS DRUG TEST OR SYRINGES:

*Avoid associating objects and individuals with
connotations of filth.*

- Clean**
- Dirty**

Use medical and technical terminology.

- Negative/positive**
- Sterile**
- Used/unused syringes**

WHEN REFERRING TO TREATMENT OPTIONS:

*Avoid describing the use of medication in addiction
treatment as a lateral move from illegal substance
use to legal substance use which disregards the
positive impacts of treatment on physical,
psychological, and social well-being.*

- Substitution or Replacement Therapy**
- Opioid Replacement**
- Methadone Maintenance**

*Use current terminology to describe addiction
treatment that incorporates pharmacology.*

- Treatment or medication for addiction**
- Medication for Opioid Use**
- Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)**

CALL TO ACTION:

1. Choose a word from the left-hand column that you currently use: _____
2. Select an alternative for this word from the right-hand column: _____
3. Make a commitment to use this new language moving forward.
4. Set an alarm on your phone for one month from today to check on your progress. If you have made an improvement, move on to another word.
5. Continue this process until you are no longer using stigmatizing language when referring to addiction.

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Assessing Your Stage of Change Worksheet

Answer the following questions to help you determine where you are in your change process. Remember, progress is any movement through one stage to the next. Aim for change, not perfection! Place a check mark (/) in the appropriate box for each question.

Absolutely Yes	Probably	Not Sure	Absolutely Not
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Precontemplation/contemplation stages

1. Do you think you have a problem with alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs?
2. Are you clear about why you want to quit using substances?

Preparation stage

3. Are you willing to make a commitment to quit using within the next month?
4. Do you know what steps to take to stop using on your own?
5. Do you need to be detoxified from alcohol or other drugs to stop using?
6. Have you told others (family, friends, etc.) about your desire to change your problem with alcohol or other drugs?

Action stage

7. Do you have a strong commitment to quit alcohol or drugs and stay sober?
8. Do you need to change people, places, or things to help you stay sober?
9. Do you need to learn to control your thoughts and cravings for substances?
10. Do you need to address the effects of your substance use on your family or other relationships to increase your chances of staying sober?
11. Do you need to address new ways of dealing with upsetting feelings to increase your chances of staying sober?
12. Are you willing to participate in self-help groups or other forms of social support to increase your chances of staying sober?

	Absolutely Yes	Probably	Not Sure	Absolutely Not
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Maintenance stage

13. Do you know the warning signs of a potential relapse and have strategies to help you cope with these **before** you use alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs again?
14. Do you know your personal high-risk factors that make you feel vulnerable to using substances and have strategies to cope with these?
15. Do you know what steps to take should you actually go back to using substances following a period of abstinence?
16. Is your life generally in balance?

There are no questions about the termination phase because we assume that you would not need this workbook if you were in that phase of change.

WORKSHEET

Overdose Prevention Tips

This worksheet is a component of *Guide to Developing and Managing Overdose Prevention and Take-Home Naloxone Projects*, produced by Harm Reduction Coalition. More information at harmreduction.org

This worksheet highlights common overdose risks and provides prevention tips.

We understood that every prevention message might not be applicable or pragmatic in every situation; we hope these tips can provide and messages can be shared and adapted as needed.

More information on each risk factor can be found at harmreduction.org.

Mixing Drugs:

- Use one drug at a time.
- Use less of each drug.
- Try to avoid mixing alcohol with heroin/pills – this is an incredibly dangerous combination.
- If drinking or taking pills with heroin, do the heroin first to better gauge how high you are – alcohol and especially benzos impair judgment so you may not remember or care how much you've used.
- Have a friend with you who knows what drugs you've taken and can respond in case of an emergency

Tolerance:

- Use less after any period of abstinence or decreased use – even a few days away can lower your tolerance.
- If you are using after a period of abstinence, be careful and go slow
- Use less when you are sick and your immune system may be weakened.
- Do a tester shot, or go slow to gauge how the shot is hitting you.
- Use a less risky method (i.e. snort instead of inject).
- Be aware of using in new environments, or with new people—this can change how you experience the effects of the drugs and in some cases, increase the risk of overdose

Quality:

- Test the strength of the drug before you do the whole amount.
- Try to buy from the same dealer so you have a better idea of what you're getting.
- Talk to others who have copped from the same dealer.
- Know which pills you're taking and try to learn about variations in similar pills.
- Be careful when switching from one type of opioid pill to another since their strengths and dosage will vary.

Using Alone:

- USE WITH A FRIEND!
- Develop an overdose plan with your friends or partners.
- Leave the door unlocked or slightly ajar whenever possible.
- Call or text someone you trust and have them check on you.
- Some people can sense when they are about to go out. This is rare, but if you are one of the people that can do this, have a loaded syringe or nasal naloxone ready. People have actually given themselves naloxone before!

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Overdose Prevention Tips, continued

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Age and Physical Health:

- Stay hydrated! Drink plenty of water or other fluids.
- Eat regularly.
- Get enough sleep and rest when you feel worn down.
- Pharmaceuticals (like opioids and benzos) – especially those with Tylenol® (acetaminophen) in them – are harder for your liver to break down. If you have liver damage, stay away from pharmaceuticals with a lot of acetaminophen in them, like Vicodin and Percocet.
- Carry your inhaler if you have asthma, tell your friends where you keep it and explain what to do if you have trouble breathing.
- Go slow (use less drugs at first) if you've been sick, lost weight, or have been feeling under the weather or weak—this can affect your tolerance.
- Try to find a good, nonjudgmental doctor and get checked out for any health factors that may increase your risk of overdose, like HIV, viral hepatitis, COPD, high or low blood pressure, high cholesterol, heart disease or other physical issues that could increase your risk for a stroke, seizure, respiratory problems or heart attack.

Mode of Administration of the Substance:

- Be mindful that injecting and smoking can lead to increased risk.
- Consider snorting, especially in cases when you're using alone or may have decreased tolerance.
- If you inject, try and remove the tie after registering and before injecting – this will allow you to better taste your shot and inject less if it feels too strong.
- Be careful when changing modes of administration since you may not be able to handle the same amounts.

Previous Nonfatal Overdose:

- Always use with a friend or around other people.
- Use less at first, especially if you are using a new product.
- Make an overdose plan with friends or drug partners.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

The Revive. Survive. ODP Team has captured frequently asked questions that surface in our outreach and training efforts.



1. *What is the naloxone shelf life?*
18- 24 months
2. *How should naloxone be stored?*
Room temperature and out of direct sunlight
3. *If naloxone has expired, should I still use it?*
Yes, it may lose potency, but it will not hurt the individual. We always recommend replacing expired naloxone kits but if that is all that is available please use it.
4. *What is the difference between rescue breathing and CPR?*
CPR chest compressions are used in the case of a heart attack. Rescue breaths are used when an individual is not breathing or has weak breaths.
5. *If I am using the IM naloxone, do I have to be sure there is no air in the syringe before I administer?*
No, air bubbles are not dangerous in muscle injections.
6. *What kind of needle should be used with the IM naloxone?*
Experts recommend using a thicker, longer needle designed for injecting into muscles. This is typically 22-gauge and 3cm or longer that can easily be injected into the upper arm or thigh. These larger needles also allow you to save time by injecting through someone's clothes if necessary. However, laypeople have reported successful naloxone reversals using smaller needles as well.
7. *If people who use opioid are given naloxone, will they continue using more opioids?*
Research has shown that having naloxone available does not increase risk-taking behavior, or cause people to use more opioids. The goal of distributing naloxone and training laypeople to prevent, recognize and respond to overdose is to prevent death and reduce brain injury or brain damage. Other goals such as getting people into treatment are only possible if people are alive.
8. *How long has Naloxone been out?*
It was patented in 1961 and approved for opioid overdose by the Food and Drug Administration in 1971.
9. *Why is it important to leave someone in the recovery position?*
If a person is unconscious but is breathing and has no other life-threatening conditions, they should be placed in the recovery position. Putting someone in the recovery position will keep their airway clear and open. It also ensures that any vomit or fluid won't cause them to choke.

10. Is tramadol an opioid?

Tramadol is an opioid. It is often confused with Toradol, which is not an opioid and can be used to treat pain (it is in the same class as Advil). Toradol is an anti-inflammatory, while tramadol is not.

11. What pharmacies do you recommend?

- a. We have received feedback that Walgreens carries and provides naloxone more consistently than CVS. Crescent City Pharmacy in mid-city, UMC pharmacy downtown, and Best Life at Tulane and Broad
- b. Local Walgreens locations that we have received positive feedback from customers include:
 - i. Walgreens on St Bernard and Broad
 - ii. Walgreens on Elysian Fields and St Claude
 - iii. Walgreen on Carrollton near St Charles intersection

12. If an individual share an experience with ODP staff regarding negative experience with NOPD regarding an overdose experience or naloxone, especially if it violated their rights or Good Samaritan Law we should:

Go to the NOPD 5th District station at 3900 N. Claiborne (504) 658-6050, to report the experience. Ask for an NOPD rank if need be.

13. Is naloxone effective with an overdose involving fentanyl?

- a. Yes, it is still effective, but fentanyl is more potent and does bind more tightly to the receptors than heroin
- b. Therefore, multiple doses of naloxone may be needed to revive the person and get them to breathe again, and it is more likely that they go into a second overdose when the naloxone wears off.
- c. This is why it is always important to call 911!

14. So I called 911, gave naloxone, gave recovery breaths, and they are breathing in the recovery position. Can I leave now?

It is essential to the person's chances that you stay around the scene:

- a. You can give EMS information about the individual, what drugs they were doing, how long they have been unconscious, and how their overdose signs and symptoms progressed
- b. Furthermore, it is ideal to have someone continue to check on the person for a pulse, if they are breathing, and if their airway is clear until EMS arrives
- c. Keeping the person warm is another way that you can help

15. Does speedballing (combining opioids with cocaine or methphetamines) help to prevent overdosing on opioids?

- a. NO!!! In fact, it increases the risk.
- b. First, the reason that individual's speedball is because the side effects of the two drugs seem to cancel each other out. This allows the user to experience a greater euphoria, without nodding off or losing consciousness. This "canceling out" is a simplified explanation, and we will not get into the complex pathophysiology associated with drug metabolism.
- c. Problems with speedballing:
 - i. Combining a stimulant and depressant makes the user feel like they can tolerate more of the drugs, which increases chances of overdose

- ii. Every drug put into the body has a different amount of time that it is active before it is broken down, also known as the drug's "half-life". Therefore, the "canceling out" of the stimulant and depressant will stop when the shorter acting drug wears off, most likely sending the user into an overdose from the longer-acting drug.
- iii. The body has to break down two or more drugs instead of one, which puts significant strain on the liver and kidneys
- iv. The combination of more than one drug makes it more difficult for medical professionals to assess symptoms and treat the individual

16. How do you effectively differentiate "going on the nod" or "ducking" from an overdose?

- a. People who misuse opioids often seek the experience of "ducking" while getting high, which is a euphoric feeling while drifting in and out of consciousness
- b. This phenomenon is achieved when an individual is very close to overdosing, and it is therefore very hard to tell the difference. It is not your job to be a medical professional --> if you are unsure or worried about the person, call a 911 dispatcher and describe the person's symptoms
- c. If they show other signs, such as decreased breathing, choking, blue or ashy lips, then, in addition to calling 911, distribute naloxone and perform rescue breathing

17. When a urine tox is done, does Fentanyl show up as Fentanyl or under opioids in general?

The standard urine drug toxicology report just lumps together all opioids. However, there is a test that will differentiate Fentanyl specifically that may be used at different facilities.

18. How long has the Good Samaritan Law been enacted nationally?

The Good Samaritan Laws are slightly different in each state, but a law was enacted in 1998 nationally requiring all states to have some sort of law on the books.

Voluntary Non-Opioid Directive Form

Louisiana Department of Health – Office of Behavioral Health

Patient's Last Name	Patient's First Name	Middle Initial
Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)		

Street or Residential Address		
City	State	Zip Code

Last Name of Guardian or Healthcare Agent (if applicable)	First Name of Guardian or Healthcare Agent	Middle Initial
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PATIENT/GUARDIAN/HEALTHCARE REPRESENTATIVE STATEMENT (Signature & Date Required)

I _____ (patient guardian healthcare representative) certify that I am refusing at my own insistence the offer or administration of any opioid medications. I understand the risks and benefits of my refusal, and hereby release the health care provider(s), its administration, and personnel from any responsibility for all consequences, which may result by my abstinence under these circumstances. I further certify my understanding that I may effectively revoke this certification at any time orally or in writing, for any reason.

I hereby direct that health care provider(s), medical practitioners, their administration, and personnel comply with the Louisiana Department of Health's Voluntary Non-Opioid Directive as authorized by Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 40:1156.1.

Health Care Practitioner (or Attending Physician) Last Name	Practitioner/Physician First Name	Date
Signature		

**The signed original form should be kept in the patient's medical record,
and a signed copy should be provided to the patient.**

Louisiana Non-Opioid Directive Information Sheet

Benefits of this form:

- It helps prescribers and patients have a dialogue of substance use history, if applicable.
- It may prevent inadvertently offering certain controlled substances to those who could be adversely affected.
- It allows for a patient to proactively inform their physician that they do not wish to receive opioids for any reason.

Considerations for the prescribing physician:

- This form may be considered as a communication aide, similar to identification of a patient allergy.
- This form does not take the place of a detailed biopsychosocial history.
- While this form is designed specifically for opioids, due to the risk of cross addiction, it is important to use caution when prescribing any other substances with a risk of misuse, such as stimulants, benzodiazepines or other medications that the FDA has identified with risk of SUD.

Considerations for the patient:

- If you are in an emergency situation, a physician may override this directive.
- This form does not take the place of ongoing collaboration with your health care provider.
- No person acting in good faith as a duly authorized guardian or healthcare representative shall be liable for damages in a civil action or subject to criminal prosecution for revoking or overriding a voluntary non-opioid directive form.

Considerations for the pharmacist:

- An electronically transmitted prescription to a pharmacy is to be presumed valid, and a pharmacist will not be held in violation of this directive for dispensing a controlled substance in contradiction to a voluntary non-opioid form.

No prescribing practitioner who has signed and executed a non-opioid directive form with a patient, acting with reasonable care, shall be liable for damages in a civil action or subject to criminal prosecution or be deemed to have violated the standard of care for refusing to issue a prescription for an opioid.

Why screen for alcohol and drug use?

Brief motivational conversations with patients can promote significant, lasting reduction in risky use of alcohol and other drugs. Nearly 30% of adult Americans engage in unhealthy use of alcohol and/or other drugs, yet very few are identified or participate in a conversation that could prevent injury, disease or more severe use disorders.*

STEP
1

Brief Screening

Frequency:

- » **Tobacco:** Every visit.
- » **Alcohol and Drugs:** At least yearly; consider screening at every visit.[†] Consider more frequent screening for women who are pregnant or who are contemplating pregnancy; adolescents; and those with high levels of psychosocial stressors.

Youth (ages 11-17 years)

See **CRAFFT Toolkit** for youth information, talking points, tools and more at <http://healthteamworks-media.precis5.com/sbirt-crafft-toolkit>

Adults (18+ years old)

Substance	Questions	Positive Screen	Negative Screen
Alcohol: Assess frequency and quantity	<p>1. How many drinks do you have per week? -----</p> <p>2. When was the last time you had 4 or more (for men >65 years and all women) or 5 or more (for men ≤65 years) drinks in one day?</p>	<p>1. All women or men >65 years: More than 7. Men ≤65 years old: More than 14. ----- OR-----</p> <p>2. In the past 3 months.</p>	<p>Reinforce healthy behaviors. See "For all patients, consider:"</p>
Drugs[‡]	In the past year, have you used or experimented with an illegal drug or a prescription drug for nonmedical reasons?	Yes	
Tobacco	Do you currently smoke or use any form of tobacco?	Yes	

For all patients, consider:

- Any alcohol use is a positive screen for patients under 21 yrs. or pregnant women.[§]
- Potential for alcohol-exposed pregnancy in women of childbearing age; assess for effective contraception use.[§]
- Alcohol/medication interactions.
- Chronic disease/alcohol precautions.
- Role of substance use in depression and other mental health conditions.[¶]
- Medical marijuana use.

A standard drink is:



Positive on alcohol and/or drug brief screen: proceed to Step 2.
Tobacco use only: see page 2 for Tobacco Advise and Refer.

STEP
2

Further Screening

Patients with a positive brief screen should receive further screening/assessment using a validated screening tool. Scoring instructions are on each tool. Screening tools in English and Spanish available at www.healthteamworks.org/guidelines/sbirt.html

Screening tools:

- AUDIT (adult alcohol use)
<http://healthteamworks-media.precis5.com/sbirt-audit>
- DAST-10[®] (adult drug use)
<http://healthteamworks-media.precis5.com/sbirt-dast-10>
- ASSIST (adult poly-substance use)
<http://healthteamworks-media.precis5.com/sbirt-assist>
- CRAFFT (adolescent alcohol and drug use)
<http://healthteamworks-media.precis5.com/sbirt-crafft>

Low risk: Provide positive reinforcement

Moderate risk: Provide brief intervention

Moderate-high risk: Provide referral to brief therapy

High risk: Refer to treatment

* "Helping Patients Who Drink Too Much: A Clinician's Guide," U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Institutes of Health, National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. Updated 2005. www.niaaa.nih.gov/guide

† See Clinical Preventive Health Recommendations for the General and Targeted Populations Guideline at: www.healthteamworks.org/guidelines/prevention.html.

‡ See Prescription Drug Misuse supplement at www.healthteamworks.org/guidelines/sbirt.html.

§ See Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) supplement, Preconception and Interconception Care Guideline, and Contraception Guideline at www.healthteamworks.org.

¶ See Depression in Adults: Diagnosis and Treatment Guideline at: www.healthteamworks.org/guidelines/depression.html.

STEP 3 → (page 2)

Brief Intervention - Brief Therapy - Referral to Treatment

For more information, demonstration videos, an online training module and the CRAFFT Toolkit with adolescent talking points, go to www.healthteamworks.org.

A Brief Intervention is a short motivational conversation to educate and promote health behavior change.

Important: Recognize a person's readiness to change and respond accordingly.



- Use OARS:**
- Open-ended questions
- Affirmations
- Reflections
- Summaries

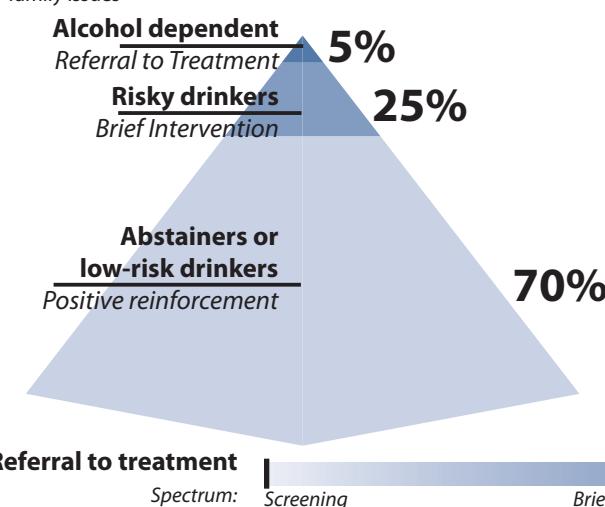
Brief Intervention (Brief Negotiated Interview model¹¹): This model may also be used to address other substance use.

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| 1. Raise the subject. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » "Would you mind if we talked for a few minutes about your alcohol use?" > Ask permission. > Avoid arguing or confrontation. | 2. Provide feedback. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » "We know that drinking above certain levels can cause problems such as..." > Review reported substance use amounts and patterns. > Provide information about substance use and health. > Advise to cut down or abstain. > Compare the person's alcohol use to general adult population (see drinking pyramid below). » "What do you think about this information?" > Elicit patient's response. | 3. Enhance motivation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » "What do you like about your current level of drinking? What do you not like about your current level of drinking?" » "On a scale from 0-10, how important is it for you to decrease your drinking?" | 4. Negotiate and advise. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » "What makes you a 5 and not a lower number?" » "On a scale from 0-10, how ready are you to decrease your drinking?" » "What would make you more ready to make a change?" > Assess readiness to change. > Discuss pros and cons. > Explore ambivalence. |
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U.S. Adult Alcohol Use Estimate

Potential consequences of risky drinking: multiple health, work and family issues



Tobacco Advise and Refer:

Ask permission, then advise every tobacco user to quit with a personalized health message.

Colorado QuitLine and Other Programs

Refer individuals age 15+ to the Colorado QuitLine (1-800-QUIT-NOW [1-800-784-8669] or www.coquitline.org):

- Personally tailored quit program
- Five scheduled, telephone-based coaching sessions
- May include free nicotine replacement therapy (age 18+ and medically eligible)

Information on programs for specific populations and ages: www.myquitpath.com

Order free tools and materials: www.cohealthresources.com

Pharmacotherapy options: HealthTeamWorks Tobacco Cessation and Secondhand Smoke Exposure Guideline at www.healthteamworks.org/guidelines/tobacco.html

Referral to treatment

Spectrum: Screening

Brief Intervention

Brief Therapy

Specialty Treatment

Brief Therapy: For moderate to high risk use of alcohol or drugs

- Motivational discussion; focused on empowerment and goal setting
- Includes assessment, education, problem-solving, coping strategies, supportive social environment
- Typically 4-6 sessions, each one approached as though it could be the last

Substance Use Disorder Treatment: For high risk alcohol or drug use

- Proactive process to facilitate access to specialty care
- Focus on motivating a person to follow-up on referral for further assessment and possible treatment
- Appropriate level of care may include inpatient, outpatient, residential
- Pharmacotherapy options: www.healthteamworks.org/guidelines/sbirt.html

Referral information in Colorado: <http://linkingcare.org>

SBIRT is reimbursable if:

- A validated screening tool is used
- It is properly documented
- Time requirement is met

See www.healthteamworks.org for up-to-date information.

Documentation: Key points

- SBIRT should be documented like any other healthcare service.
- These records may require special permission for release. Consult your organization's privacy policy.
- Documented use of a validated screening tool (e.g., AUDIT, DAST, CRAFFT, ASSIST) required for reimbursement.



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Naloxone Donations:

- Direct Relief:Pfizer is working with Direct relief to make up to 1 million doses of naloxone available at no cost to qualified non profit health providers and public health departments nationwide (Contact usaprograms@directrelief.org 877-303-7872)
 - <https://www.directrelief.org/2017/05/direct-relief-providing-overdose-reversing-naloxone-nationwide-safety-net-health-clinics/>
- LADOJ Naloxone Request: <http://www.ag.state.la.us/Article/2408/5>
- Evzio2You Enrollment Form: For commercial insurance Carriers
 - Enrollment Form 1 for concern due to chronic pain
 - Enrollment Form 2 for concern due to dependence
- Kaleo Cares Patient Assistance Program: For uninsured or Government Insurance carriers
- Evzio Product donation Grant Program: **Notice:** The kaléo Cares Product Donations Program web portal is migrating to a new and improved software platform. We expect to begin accepting new charitable grant applications through the upgraded portal during the second quarter of 2019. We apologize for the inconvenience during the period of the upgrade to the new system.

Naloxone Purchasing Cost:

Company: Adapt Pharma

Cost/unit:

\$75- Public Interest Price

Concentration:

2 mg and 4 mg of naloxone hydrochloride in 0.1 mL

Container:

Nasal spray

Contact:

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

Adapt Pharma® has collaborated on and researched several types of naloxone distribution models. If you or your organization would like additional information, including a live presentation for your team, please send us an email at customerservice@adaptpharma.com or call [1-844-ADAPT-11 \(1-844-232-7811\)](tel:1-844-ADAPT-11).

Company: Evzio

Cost/unit:

\$178: for government agencies, first responders, health departments, and other qualifying groups when they purchase directly from kaléo or authorized distributors.

Container:

Auto Injector

Contact:

<https://www.evzio.com/patient/public-access-pricing/>

Company: Pfizer

Cost/Unit:

\$7.50

Concentration:

0.4mg/ml

Container:

Vial or carpuject luer-lock syringe

Syringe purchased separately

Contact:

<https://www.pfizerinjectables.com/products/naloxone-hydrochloride>

Company: Amphastar

Cost/Unit:

\$21

Naloxone HCl Injection, USP, 2mg/2mL:

Naloxone HCl Injection is indicated for the complete or partial reversal of narcotic depression and diagnosis of suspected acute opioid overdose.

Provided in 2 types of prefilled syringes for convenient, safe, and quick Intravenous, Intramuscular, and Subcutaneous administration:

- Needleless Luer Jet Prefilled Syringe: completely needleless syringe, provided in Luer Lock syringe, complies with OSHA's Needlestick Safety and Prevention Act. Compatible with most Luer Activated Systems (includes ICU Medical Clave® Valve)
- Min-I-Jet Prefilled syringe with 21 Gauge and 1 ½" fixed Needle

Not sure of pricing but link to contact info

Contact

<http://www.amphastar.com/assets/naloxone.pdf>

1800-423-4163

EVZIO2YOU

Through the EVZIO2YOU direct-delivery service:

- All commercially insured patients pay absolutely nothing out of pocket for EVZIO. See terms and conditions below.* Savings limits apply
- No other naloxone product, branded or generic, is more affordable than EVZIO for commercially insured patients who go through the direct-delivery service
- EVZIO is delivered to your home or to your healthcare provider's office with free shipping

For patients with government insurance:

- Many patients may get EVZIO at no cost. If you decide the cost is not affordable, the pharmacy may work with your healthcare provider to offer an alternative naloxone

***Terms and Conditions: THIS OFFER IS NOT INSURANCE.** This offer is valid only in the United States. Program is applicable only for commercially insured patients who utilize the direct delivery service. Offer not valid for patients insured in whole or in part by government programs such as Medicaid, Medicare, Tricare or other federal or state health programs (such as state prescription drug programs). If the patient is eligible for benefits under any such program, the patient cannot use this offer. By using this offer, the patient certifies that he or she will comply with any terms of his or her health insurance contract requiring notification to his or her payer of the existence and/or value of this offer. It is illegal to (or offer to) sell, purchase, or trade this offer. This offer is not transferable. Cannot be combined with any rebate/coupon, free trial, or similar offer for the specified prescription(s). Void where prohibited by law. Cash discount cards are not commercial payers and are not eligible to be used for this program. Kaleo, Inc. reserves the right to rescind, revoke, amend, or terminate this offer without written notice at any time. Savings limits apply. Call (877) 438-9463 for questions regarding eligibility.

To learn more about EVZIO and obtaining an EVZIO prescription, be sure to:

- Print the enrollment form on the next page and bring to your healthcare provider
- Talk to your healthcare provider today

If you have questions about EVZIO2YOU, visit EVZIO.com

EVZIO2YOU ENROLLMENT FORM

Fax to (225) 243-7983

PATIENT INFORMATION

Patient Name (First & Last): _____

Phone Number: _____ DOB: _____

Patient Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

ICD-10 Code: _____

PHYSICIAN INFORMATION

Physician Name: _____ NPI #: _____

Office Contact Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Physician Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

TREATMENT

Medication	Dosage & Strength	Directions	QTY	Refills
Evzio® (naloxone HCl injection) 2 mg auto-injector	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 mg/0.4mL auto-injector	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Carton <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Cartons <input type="checkbox"/> ___ Cartons	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> ___ Refills

Prescriber Signature

Signature _____ Date _____

Substitution Permissible

I authorize the pharmacy and its representatives to act as an agent to initiate and execute the insurance prior authorization process and receive forms on my behalf. I certify that the above therapy is medically necessary and the above information is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Patient Signature

I authorize for EVZIO to be sent to the patient address listed above or to _____, if _____
 (Address)

EVZIO has a \$0 copay. I am also declining counseling on EVZIO from the pharmacy. If I have further questions, I will be responsible for contacting the pharmacy.

Signature _____ Date _____

INSURANCE

Please attach a copy of the patient's prescription insurance coverage and a printout of patient demographic information.

Step 1. Please complete **all** fields on this form (to prevent delays in processing).

Step 2. Fax this form, along with the signed HIPAA Authorization and copies of both sides of insurance and pharmacy benefit cards, to **(877) 546-5780**.

For assistance or more information, please visit **EVZIO.com** or call **(877) 438-9463**.

SECTION 1: PATIENT INFORMATION

PATIENT INFORMATION

Name (Last, First): _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Male Female
Address: *(Cannot be a PO Box)* _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
Email: _____ SSN (last 4 digits): _____
Cell #: _____ OK to leave message Home Phone #: _____ OK to leave message
Preferred contact: Cell Home Phone Best time to reach me: Morning Afternoon Evening
Emergency Contact: _____ Phone #: _____

INSURANCE AND CLINICAL INFORMATION

(1) Fill in fields with pharmacy insurance information (NOT Medical), OR (2) Fax Patient Demographic Information or Patient Insurance Card (COPY FRONT AND BACK) along with this enrollment form.

Insurance Name: _____ Policy #: _____ Group ID #: _____
Insurance Phone #: _____ Policyholder Name (Last, First): _____ Relationship to Patient: _____
Rx Member ID: _____ Rx PCN: _____
Rx Group ID: _____ Rx BIN: _____
Current Medications: _____
Known Drug Allergies: _____

SECTION 2: PRESCRIPTION INFORMATION

PRESCRIPTION INFORMATION (TO BE COMPLETED BY HEALTHCARE PROVIDER)

Prescription for EVZIO® (naloxone HCl injection) 2 mg auto-injector

Carton Description: Each Carton contains 2 (two) auto-injectors and 1 (one) Trainer

Prescribed Quantity: _____ Refill(s): _____

Sig (Directions): PRN for Opioid Emergency

ICD-10 Code(s)/Primary Diagnosis: • T40.2X1A • F11.11 • F11.21 • F11.25 • F11.10 • F11.20 • F11.23 • Other

Please write in ICD-10 Code: _____

Previous Visit Notes: _____

Substitution Permissible (prescriber signature): _____ Date: ____/____/____

PRESCRIBER INFORMATION (TO BE COMPLETED BY HEALTHCARE PROVIDER)

Name (Last, First): _____ Facility Name: _____
Primary Specialty: Pain Addiction Other: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
Phone #: _____ Fax #: _____
NPI #: _____ DEA #: _____ Tax ID: _____

Office Contact: _____ Best time to contact: Morning Afternoon

By signing below, I certify the following:

This request for services has been prepared exclusively by the provider or provider's office identified in this request ("my Practice").

- The prescribed medication is medically appropriate for the patient identified based on my best professional judgment and my practice will be supervising the patient's treatment.
- The information provided in this request is accurate to the best of my knowledge.
- Completing this referral form does not ensure that the patient will obtain insurance coverage or reimbursement for the prescribed medication, and that any pharmacy service provided by AVELLA SPECIALTY PHARMACY, is provided for information purposes only and represent no statement, promise or guarantee by AVELLA SPECIALTY PHARMACY or kaléo, Inc.

PRESCRIBER AUTHORIZATION

Prescriber Signature (dispense as written): _____ Date: ____/____/____

Shipping Preference (check only one)

Patient Home Address

Center/Facility Address

Address: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Phone #: _____

Patient Name: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____

PATIENT AUTHORIZATION FOR USE AND DISCLOSURE OF HEALTH INFORMATION

I hereby authorize my doctor(s) and their staff, my health insurer(s) and the specialty pharmacy or distributor that will supply EVZIO and/or fill my prescription (the "Pharmacy") to use and disclose my personal information, including but not limited to, information about my medical condition and treatment (including prescriptions), health insurance, social security number and related information ("Personal Information") to help verify, investigate or coordinate insurance coverage. This information may include spoken or written facts about my medical condition, my health insurance benefits, name, date of birth, address, telephone number(s), social security number, and/or financial information. All of this information may be considered protected health information ("PHI") as governed and protected by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act ("HIPAA") of 1996, as amended, and under the rules and regulations thereunder.

I authorize my prescription to be sent to Avella for processing and if Avella is unable to fill the prescription due to insurance requirements, Avella may transfer the prescription to another pharmacy that has authorization to fill the prescription. I know that people who work for, and with AVELLA SPECIALTY PHARMACY may receive and use my information, but they may use it only as authorized in this form or for such purposes as may be required by applicable law. We may be obligated to disclose the Personal Information to law enforcement, public health organizations, reporting victims of abuse or neglect, healthcare oversight, legal proceedings, certain research activities approved by an Institutional Review Board, threat to health or safety, specialized government functions, inmates, laws relating to worker's compensation. I understand that my substance use disorder records are protected under the Federal regulations governing Confidentiality and Substance Use Disorder Patient Records, 42 C.F.R. Part 2, and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act ("HIPAA") of 1996, 45 C.F.R. pts 160 & 164, and cannot be disclosed without my written consent unless otherwise provided for by the regulations.

I understand that I may revoke this authorization at any time except to the extent that action has been taken in reliance on it by contacting AVELLA SPECIALTY PHARMACY, in writing by mail: 24416 N. 19th Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85085, Attention: Pain/Addiction Department or fax (877-546-5780). Unless I revoke my consent earlier, this consent will expire automatically after 5 years.

I understand that I might be denied certain enhanced reimbursement support and financial assistance services if I refuse to sign this authorization. I will not be denied healthcare, insurance reimbursement, or enrollment in any health plan if I refuse to sign this authorization.

I understand that I may refuse to sign this form. My choice about whether to sign this form will not change the way my healthcare providers treat me. However, I understand that my refusal to sign this form may preclude or limit my participation in the prescription delivery service. I understand that AVELLA SPECIALTY PHARMACY does not promise to find ways to pay for my medication(s) and I know that I am responsible for the costs of my care. I agree that a copy of this form may be treated as a signed original.

Patient Signature _____ Date of Signature: ____/____/____

If applicable, please list all authorized designees:

Designee Name (1): _____ Relationship: _____ Phone: _____

Designee Name (2): _____ Relationship: _____ Phone: _____

*Parent/Guardian/Legal Representative Name: _____ Authority/Relationship to Patient: _____

*Parent/Guardian/Legal Representative Signature: _____ Date of Signature: ____/____/____

*If patient is a minor without capacity to act alone under state law, signature of patient and parent/guardian/legal representative is required

INDICATION

EVZIO is an opioid antagonist indicated for the emergency treatment of known or suspected opioid overdose, as manifested by respiratory and/or central nervous system depression in adults and pediatric patients. EVZIO is intended for immediate administration as emergency therapy in settings where opioids may be present. EVZIO is not a substitute for emergency medical care.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

EVZIO is contraindicated in patients known to be hypersensitive to naloxone hydrochloride or to any of the ingredients in EVZIO.

Seek emergency medical assistance immediately after use. Additional supportive and/or resuscitative measures may be helpful while awaiting emergency medical assistance.

The following warnings and precautions should be taken when administering EVZIO:

- Risk of Recurrent Respiratory and CNS Depression:** Due to the duration of action of naloxone relative to the opioid, keep the patient under continued surveillance and administer repeated doses of naloxone using a new EVZIO, as necessary, while awaiting emergency medical assistance.
- Risk of Limited Efficacy With Partial Agonists or Mixed Agonists/Antagonists:** Reversal of respiratory depression caused by partial agonists or mixed agonists/antagonists, such as buprenorphine and pentazocine, may be incomplete. Larger or repeat doses may be required.
- Precipitation of Severe Opioid Withdrawal:** Use in patients who are opioid dependent may precipitate opioid withdrawal. In neonates, opioid withdrawal may be life-threatening if not recognized and properly treated. Monitor for the development of opioid withdrawal.
- Risk of Cardiovascular (CV) Effects:** Abrupt postoperative reversal of opioid depression may result in adverse CV effects. These events have primarily occurred in patients who had pre-existing CV disorders or received other drugs that may have similar CV effects. Monitor these patients closely in an appropriate healthcare setting after use of naloxone hydrochloride.

The following adverse reactions were most commonly observed in EVZIO clinical studies: dizziness and injection site erythema.

Abrupt reversal of opioid effects in persons who were physically dependent on opioids has precipitated signs and symptoms of opioid withdrawal including: body aches, fever, sweating, runny nose, sneezing, piloerection, yawning, weakness, shivering or trembling, nervousness, restlessness or irritability, diarrhea, nausea or vomiting, abdominal cramps, increased blood pressure, and tachycardia. In the neonate, opioid withdrawal signs and symptoms also included: convulsions, excessive crying, and hyperactive reflexes.

You are encouraged to report negative side effects of prescription drugs to the FDA. Visit www.fda.gov/medwatch or call 1-800-FDA-1088.

Please see full Prescribing Information at EVZIO.com.

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KALÉO CARES Patient Assistance Program
Please fax* completed forms to: 1-800-943-1730
**Faxes must be sent from Prescriber office.*

Kaléo understands the importance in having emergency medications available to patients but recognizes that some patients may have financial difficulties that prevent them from obtaining those needed medications. The KALÉO CARES Patient Assistance Program is here to help those patients who are experiencing financial difficulties.

To be eligible for assistance to receive EVZIO® at no cost, you must:

- Be a legal US resident.
- Not have any government or commercial drug coverage.[†]
- Not have commercial insurance or be eligible for state or federal government insurance such as Medicare and Tricare.[†]
- Have an annual household income of less than \$100,000.

[†]Patients who are eligible for Medicaid coverage may be eligible for assistance to receive EVZIO at no cost.

Subject to aggregate and individual volume limitations, availability of EVZIO, and other terms and conditions. Kaléo reserves the right to discontinue the program at any time for any or no reason. This is not insurance.

Section 1: Patient Information			
First Name	Last Name		
Street Address (<u>Cannot</u> be PO Box)			
City		State	Zip
Primary Phone		Secondary Phone	
US Resident <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Social Security Number	
Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female		Date of Birth	
Section 2: Insurance and Income Attestation			
Do you have prescription drug coverage? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Number of Dependents (Total Number of People in Household)	
Do you have commercial insurance? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Are you eligible for government insurance, such as Medicare or Tricare? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Specifically, are you eligible for Medicaid? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Annual Household Income [‡]	
All medication will be shipped directly to patient.		[‡] Note: Patient may be required to provide proof of income.	
I declare and affirm that the information provided on this application form is true and accurate. I give consent to the KALÉO CARES Patient Assistance Program to disclose my enrollment in this program as needed to comply with legal and regulatory obligations. I agree to notify this program immediately if my prescription drug coverage changes in any way before I receive a prescription or a refill.			
Patient Signature		Date	
Section 3: Patient Privacy and Consent			
The information you provide will be used by kaléo, the KALÉO CARES Patient Assistance Program, and parties acting on their behalf to determine eligibility, to manage and improve the KALÉO CARES Patient Assistance Program products and services, to communicate with you about your experience with the KALÉO CARES Patient Assistance Program, and/or to send you materials and other helpful information and updates relating to kaléo programs.			
By signing below, I affirm that my answers and my documented income are complete, true, and accurate to the best of my knowledge.			
<i>I understand that:</i>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completing this enrollment form does not guarantee that I will qualify for the KALÉO CARES Patient Assistance Program. • kaléo may verify the accuracy of the information I have provided and may ask for more financial and insurance information. • Any medicines supplied by KALÉO CARES Patient Assistance Program shall not be sold, traded, bartered, or transferred. • kaléo reserves the right to change or cancel the KALÉO CARES Patient Assistance Program, or terminate my enrollment, at any time. • The support provided by this program is not contingent on any future purchase. 			
<i>I certify and attest that if I receive medicine(s) provided by kaléo through the KALÉO CARES Patient Assistance Program:</i>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I will promptly contact kaléo if my financial status or insurance coverage changes. • I will not seek reimbursement or credit for the medicine(s) from my insurance provider or payer for any costs of medications. • I will not seek to have this medicine or any cost from it counted in my out-of-pocket expenses for prescription drugs for any payer. • I will notify my insurance provider of the receipt of any medicines through the KALÉO CARES Patient Assistance Program. 			
I may refuse to sign this consent. If I refuse, I will not be able to participate in this program, but it will not affect my ability to obtain medical treatment, my ability to seek payment for treatment, or affect my insurance enrollment or eligibility for insurance benefits.			
I certify that the information on this form is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.			
Patient Signature		Date	

For assistance with any questions, call 502-213-7601 • Monday through Friday from 8 am to 7 pm Eastern Time

For additional information on EVZIO®, please visit our website EVZIO.com

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Patient Name	Date of Birth	
Allergies		
Other Medications		
Section 4: Healthcare Provider Information		
Prescriber First Name	Prescriber Last Name	
Street Address		
City	State	Zip
Office Contact Name	Office Phone	Office Fax
State License	NPI	DEA
Section 5: Prescription		
EVZIO® (naloxone HCl injection) Directions _____ 2 mg auto-injector		Quantity _____
Diagnosis ICD-10 _____	Other _____	
Date	Anticipated Start Date	
I certify that this EVZIO® prescription fits the indication and is medically appropriate for this patient. I affirm that the patient is not eligible for Medicare and the information provided by the patient on this application form is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I give consent to the KALÉO CARES Patient Assistance Program, kaleo, Inc., its affiliated companies, and its subcontractors to forward this prescription to a dispensing pharmacy on behalf of myself and my patient.		
Prescriber's Signature Dispense as Written _____ Substitution Allowed _____		

NY prescribers – please submit prescription on an original NY State prescription blank

TN prescribers – quantity must be written in both numerals and words. Example: 3 (three) doses

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P.O. BOX 94005
BATON ROUGE
70804-9005

Naloxone Request Form

Please complete the following information:

Date of Request: _____ / _____ / _____

Contact Person: _____

Organization Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____ -- _____ -- _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Units Requested: _____

Do you need information on Training Resources?

Yes _____ No _____

Additional information, if available:

Number of drug overdoses within jurisdiction during the last calendar year: _____

Number of overdose fatalities within jurisdiction during the last calendar year: _____

Number of naloxone doses purchased during the last calendar year: _____

Number of naloxone doses utilized during the last calendar year: _____

Please submit completed forms to:

Monica Taylor
NaloxoneVouchers@ag.louisiana.gov
Direct Dial: 225-326-6702

Adverse Childhood Experience (ACE) Questionnaire

Finding your ACE Score ra hbr 10 24 06

While you were growing up, during your first 18 years of life:

1. Did a parent or other adult in the household **often** ...

Swear at you, insult you, put you down, or humiliate you?

or

Act in a way that made you afraid that you might be physically hurt?

Yes No

If yes enter 1 _____

2. Did a parent or other adult in the household **often** ...

Push, grab, slap, or throw something at you?

or

Ever hit you so hard that you had marks or were injured?

Yes No

If yes enter 1 _____

3. Did an adult or person at least 5 years older than you **ever**...

Touch or fondle you or have you touch their body in a sexual way?

or

Try to or actually have oral, anal, or vaginal sex with you?

Yes No

If yes enter 1 _____

4. Did you **often** feel that ...

No one in your family loved you or thought you were important or special?

or

Your family didn't look out for each other, feel close to each other, or support each other?

Yes No

If yes enter 1 _____

5. Did you **often** feel that ...

You didn't have enough to eat, had to wear dirty clothes, and had no one to protect you?

or

Your parents were too drunk or high to take care of you or take you to the doctor if you needed it?

Yes No

If yes enter 1 _____

6. Were your parents **ever** separated or divorced?

Yes No

If yes enter 1 _____

7. Was your mother or stepmother:

Often pushed, grabbed, slapped, or had something thrown at her?

or

Sometimes or often kicked, bitten, hit with a fist, or hit with something hard?

or

Ever repeatedly hit over at least a few minutes or threatened with a gun or knife?

Yes No

If yes enter 1 _____

8. Did you live with anyone who was a problem drinker or alcoholic or who used street drugs?

Yes No

If yes enter 1 _____

9. Was a household member depressed or mentally ill or did a household member attempt suicide?

Yes No

If yes enter 1 _____

10. Did a household member go to prison?

Yes No

If yes enter 1 _____

Now add up your "Yes" answers: _____ This is your ACE Score

Opioid Risk Tool

Introduction

The Opioid Risk Tool (ORT) is a brief, self-report screening tool designed for use with adult patients in primary care settings to assess risk for opioid abuse among individuals prescribed opioids for treatment of chronic pain. Patients categorized as high-risk are at increased likelihood of future abusive drug-related behavior. The ORT can be administered and scored in less than 1 minute and has been validated in both male and female patients, but not in non-pain populations.

Opioid Risk Tool

This tool should be administered to patients upon an initial visit prior to beginning opioid therapy for pain management. A score of 3 or lower indicates low risk for future opioid abuse, a score of 4 to 7 indicates moderate risk for opioid abuse, and a score of 8 or higher indicates a high risk for opioid abuse.

Mark each box that applies	Female	Male
Family history of substance abuse		
Alcohol	1	3
Illegal drugs	2	3
Rx drugs	4	4
Personal history of substance abuse		
Alcohol	3	3
Illegal drugs	4	4
Rx drugs	5	5
Age between 16—45 years	1	1
History of preadolescent sexual abuse	3	0
Psychological disease		
ADD, OCD, bipolar, schizophrenia	2	2
Depression	1	1
Scoring totals		

Questionnaire developed by Lynn R. Webster, MD to assess risk of opioid addiction.

Webster LR, Webster R. Predicting aberrant behaviors in Opioid-treated patients: preliminary validation of the Opioid risk tool. Pain Med. 2005; 6 (6) : 432

Screener and Opioid Assessment for Patients with Pain-Revised (SOAPP®-R)

The following are some questions given to patients who are on or being considered for medication for their pain. Please answer each question as honestly as possible. There are no right or wrong answers.

	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Often	Very Often
	0	1	2	3	4
1. How often do you have mood swings?	<input type="radio"/>				
2. How often have you felt a need for higher doses of medication to treat your pain?	<input type="radio"/>				
3. How often have you felt impatient with your doctors?	<input type="radio"/>				
4. How often have you felt that things are just too overwhelming that you can't handle them?	<input type="radio"/>				
5. How often is there tension in the home?	<input type="radio"/>				
6. How often have you counted pain pills to see how many are remaining?	<input type="radio"/>				
7. How often have you been concerned that people will judge you for taking pain medication?	<input type="radio"/>				
8. How often do you feel bored?	<input type="radio"/>				
9. How often have you taken more pain medication than you were supposed to?	<input type="radio"/>				
10. How often have you worried about being left alone?	<input type="radio"/>				
11. How often have you felt a craving for medication?	<input type="radio"/>				
12. How often have others expressed concern over your use of medication?	<input type="radio"/>				

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	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Often	Very Often
	0	1	2	3	4
13. How often have any of your close friends had a problem with alcohol or drugs?	<input type="radio"/>				
14. How often have others told you that you had a bad temper?	<input type="radio"/>				
15. How often have you felt consumed by the need to get pain medication?	<input type="radio"/>				
16. How often have you run out of pain medication early?	<input type="radio"/>				
17. How often have others kept you from getting what you deserve?	<input type="radio"/>				
18. How often, in your lifetime, have you had legal problems or been arrested?	<input type="radio"/>				
19. How often have you attended an AA or NA meeting?	<input type="radio"/>				
20. How often have you been in an argument that was so out of control that someone got hurt?	<input type="radio"/>				
21. How often have you been sexually abused?	<input type="radio"/>				
22. How often have others suggested that you have a drug or alcohol problem?	<input type="radio"/>				
23. How often have you had to borrow pain medications from your family or friends?	<input type="radio"/>				
24. How often have you been treated for an alcohol or drug problem?	<input type="radio"/>				

*Please include any additional information you wish about the above answers.
Thank you.*

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SCREENING INSTRUMENT FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE POTENTIAL (SISAP) QUESTIONNAIRE

1. If you drink, how many drinks do you have on a typical day?

If less than 5 for men/less than 4 for women, then ask question 2.

If 5 or more for men/4 or more for women, then you may stop here *Use caution when prescribing opioids.*

2. How many drinks do you have in a typical week?

If less than 17 for men/less than 13 for women, then ask question 3.

If 17 or more for men/13 or more for women, then you may stop here *Use caution when prescribing opioids.*

3. Have you used marijuana or hashish in the last year?

If no, then ask question 4.

If yes, then you may stop here *Use caution when prescribing opioids.*

4. Have you ever smoked cigarettes?

If no, then you may stop here *Probably a low opioid abuse risk.*

If yes, then ask question 5.

5. What is your age?

If under 40 years of age, then you may stop here *Use caution when prescribing opioids.*

If 40 years of age or older, then you may stop here *Probably a low opioid abuse risk.*

NOTES

- Use caution when prescribing opioids to these patients:
 - a. Men who drink more than 4 alcoholic beverages per day or 16 per week
 - b. Women who drink more than 3 alcoholic beverages per day or 12 per week
 - c. Persons who admit to recreational use of marijuana or hashish in the previous year
 - d. Persons who are younger than 40 years of age and smoke

DIRE Score: Patient Selection for Chronic Opioid Analgesia

For each factor, rate the patient's score from 1-3 based on the explanations in the right-hand column

SCORE	FACTOR	EXPLANATION
	DIAGNOSIS	<p>1 = Benign chronic condition with minimal objective findings or no definite medical diagnosis. Examples: fibromyalgia, migraine headaches, non-specific back pain.</p> <p>2 = Slowly progressive condition concordant with moderate pain, or fixed condition with moderate objective findings. Examples: failed back surgery syndrome, back pain with moderate degenerative changes, neuropathic pain.</p> <p>3 = Advanced condition concordant with severe pain with objective findings. Examples: severe ischemic vascular disease, advanced neuropathy, severe spinal stenosis.</p>
	INTRACTABILITY	<p>1 = Few therapies have been tried and the patient takes a passive role in his/her pain management process.</p> <p>2 = Most customary treatments have been tried but the patient is not fully engaged in the pain management process, or barriers prevent (insurance, transportation, medical illness).</p> <p>3 = Patient fully engaged in a spectrum of appropriate treatments but with inadequate response.</p>
	RISK	(R = Total of P+C+R+S below)
	Psychological	<p>1 = Serious personality dysfunction or mental illness interfering with care. Example: personality disorder, severe affective disorder, significant personality issues.</p> <p>2 = Personality or mental health interferes moderately. Example: depression or anxiety disorder.</p> <p>3 = Good communication with clinic. No significant personality dysfunction or mental illness.</p>
	Chemical Health	<p>1 = Active or very recent use of illicit drugs, excessive alcohol, or prescription drug abuse.</p> <p>2 = Chemical coper (uses medications to cope with stress) or history of chemical dependence (CD) in remission.</p> <p>3 = No CD history. Not drug-focused or chemically reliant.</p>
	Reliability	<p>1 = History of numerous problems: medication misuse, missed appointments, rarely follows through.</p> <p>2 = Occasional difficulties with compliance, but generally reliable.</p> <p>3 = Highly reliable patient with meds, appointments & treatment.</p>
	Social Support	<p>1 = Life in chaos. Little family support and few close relationships. Loss of most normal life roles.</p> <p>2 = Reduction in some relationships and life roles.</p> <p>3 = Supportive family/close relationships. Involved in work or school and no social isolation.</p>
	EFFICACY SCORE	<p>1 = Poor function or minimal pain relief despite moderate to high doses.</p> <p>2 = Moderate benefit with function improved in a number of ways (or insufficient info – hasn't tried opioid yet or very low doses or too short of a trial).</p> <p>3 = Good improvement in pain and function and quality of life with stable doses over time.</p>

$$\text{Total score} = D + I + R + E$$

Score 7-13: Not a suitable candidate for long-term opioid analgesia

Score 14-21: May be a good candidate for long-term opioid analgesia

NOTES

A DIRE Score of ≤13 indicates that the patient may not be suited to long-term opioid pain management.

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Drug Abuse Screening Test, DAST-10

The following questions concern information about your possible involvement with drugs *not including alcoholic beverages* during the past 12 months.

"Drug abuse" refers to (1) the use of prescribed or over-the-counter drugs in excess of the directions, and (2) any nonmedical use of drugs.

The various classes of drugs may include cannabis (marijuana, hashish), solvents (e.g., paint thinner), tranquilizers (e.g., Valium), barbiturates, cocaine, stimulants (e.g., speed), hallucinogens (e.g., LSD) or narcotics (e.g., heroin). Remember that the questions *do not* include alcoholic beverages.

Please answer every question. If you have difficulty with a statement, then choose the response that is mostly right.

In the past 12 months...		Circle	
1.	Have you used drugs other than those required for medical reasons?	Yes	No
2.	Do you abuse more than one drug at a time?	Yes	No
3.	Are you unable to stop abusing drugs when you want to?	Yes	No
4.	Have you ever had blackouts or flashbacks as a result of drug use?	Yes	No
5.	Do you ever feel bad or guilty about your drug use?	Yes	No
6.	Does your spouse (or parents) ever complain about your involvement with drugs?	Yes	No
7.	Have you neglected your family because of your use of drugs?	Yes	No
8.	Have you engaged in illegal activities in order to obtain drugs?	Yes	No
9.	Have you ever experienced withdrawal symptoms (felt sick) when you stopped taking drugs?	Yes	No
10.	Have you had medical problems as a result of your drug use (e.g. memory loss, hepatitis, convulsions, bleeding)?	Yes	No
Scoring: Score 1 point for each question answered "Yes," except for question 3 for which a "No" receives 1 point.		Score:	

Interpretation of Score		
Score	Degree of Problems Related to Drug Abuse	Suggested Action
0	No problems reported	None at this time
1-2	Low level	Monitor, re-assess at a later date
3-5	Moderate level	Further investigation
6-8	Substantial level	Intensive assessment
9-10	Severe level	Intensive assessment

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Current Opioid Misuse Measure (COMM)™

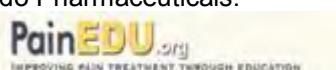
The Current Opioid Misuse Measure (COMM)™ is a brief patient self-assessment to monitor chronic pain patients on opioid therapy. The COMM™ was developed with guidance from a group of pain and addiction experts and input from pain management clinicians in the field. Experts and providers identified six key issues to determine if patients already on long-term opioid treatment are exhibiting aberrant medication-related behaviors:

- *Signs & Symptoms of Intoxication*
- *Emotional Volatility*
- *Evidence of Poor Response to Medications*
- *Addiction*
- *Healthcare Use Patterns*
- *Problematic Medication Behavior*

The COMM™ will help clinicians identify whether a patient, currently on long-term opioid therapy, may be exhibiting aberrant behaviors associated with misuse of opioid medications. In contrast, the Screener and Opioid Assessment for Patients with Pain (SOAPP®) is intended to predict which patients, being considered for long-term opioid therapy, may exhibit aberrant medications behaviors in the future. Since the COMM™ examines concurrent misuse, it is ideal for helping clinicians monitor patients' aberrant medication-related behaviors over the course of treatment. The COMM™ is:

- A quick and easy to administer patient-self assessment
- 17 items
- Simple to score
- Completed in less than 10 minutes
- Validated with a group of approximately 500 chronic pain patients on opioid therapy
- Ideal for documenting decisions about the level of monitoring planned for a particular patient or justifying referrals to specialty pain clinic.
- The COMM™ is for clinician use only. The tool is not meant for commercial distribution.
- The COMM™ is **NOT** a lie detector. Patients determined to misrepresent themselves will still do so. Other clinical information should be used with COMM™ scores to decide if and when modifications to particular patient's treatment plan is needed.
- It is important to remember that all chronic pain patients deserve treatment of their pain. Providers who are not comfortable treating certain patients should refer those patients to a specialist.

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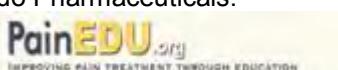


COMM™

Please answer each question as honestly as possible. Keep in mind that we are only asking about the **past 30 days**. There are no right or wrong answers. If you are unsure about how to answer the question, please give the best answer you can.

Please answer the questions using the following scale:	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Often	Very Often
	0	1	2	3	4
1. In the past 30 days, how often have you had trouble with thinking clearly or had memory problems?	<input type="radio"/>				
2. In the past 30 days, how often do people complain that you are not completing necessary tasks? (i.e., doing things that need to be done, such as going to class, work or appointments)	<input type="radio"/>				
3. In the past 30 days, how often have you had to go to someone other than your prescribing physician to get sufficient pain relief from medications? (i.e., another doctor, the Emergency Room, friends, street sources)	<input type="radio"/>				
4. In the past 30 days, how often have you taken your medications differently from how they are prescribed?	<input type="radio"/>				
5. In the past 30 days, how often have you seriously thought about hurting yourself?	<input type="radio"/>				
6. In the past 30 days, how much of your time was spent thinking about opioid medications (having enough, taking them, dosing schedule, etc.)?	<input type="radio"/>				

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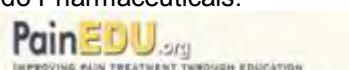
Please answer the questions using the following scale:	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Often	Very Often
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7. In the past 30 days, how often have you been in an argument?	<input type="radio"/>				
8. In the past 30 days, how often have you had trouble controlling your anger (e.g., road rage, screaming, etc.)?	<input type="radio"/>				
9. In the past 30 days, how often have you needed to take pain medications belonging to someone else?	<input type="radio"/>				
10. In the past 30 days, how often have you been worried about how you're handling your medications?	<input type="radio"/>				
11. In the past 30 days, how often have others been worried about how you're handling your medications?	<input type="radio"/>				
12. In the past 30 days, how often have you had to make an emergency phone call or show up at the clinic without an appointment?	<input type="radio"/>				
13. In the past 30 days, how often have you gotten angry with people?	<input type="radio"/>				
14. In the past 30 days, how often have you had to take more of your medication than prescribed?	<input type="radio"/>				
15. In the past 30 days, how often have you borrowed pain medication from someone else?	<input type="radio"/>				
16. In the past 30 days, how often have you used your pain medicine for symptoms other than for pain (e.g., to help you sleep, improve your mood, or relieve stress)?	<input type="radio"/>				

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Please answer the questions using the following scale:	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Often	Very Often
	0	1	2	3	4
17. In the past 30 days, how often have you had to visit the Emergency Room?	<input type="radio"/>				

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Scoring Instructions for the COMM™

To score the COMM™, simply add the rating of all the questions. A score of 9 or higher is considered a positive

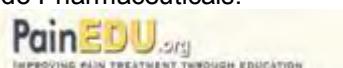
Sum of Questions	COMM Indication
> or = 9	+
< 9	-

As for any scale, the results depend on what cutoff score is chosen. A score that is sensitive in detecting patients who are abusing or misusing their opioid medication will necessarily include a number of patients that are not really abusing or misusing their medication. The COMM™ was intended to over-identify misuse, rather than to mislabel someone as responsible when they are not. This is why a low cut-off score was accepted. We believe that it is more important to identify patients who have only a possibility of misusing their medications than to fail to identify those who are actually abusing their medication. Thus, it is possible that the COMM™ will result in false positives – patients identified as misusing their medication when they were not.

The table below presents several statistics that describe how effective the COMM™ is at different cutoff values. These values suggest that the COMM™ is a sensitive test. This confirms that the COMM™ is better at identifying who is misusing their medication than identifying who is not misusing. Clinically, a score of 9 or higher will identify 77% of those who actually turn out to be at high risk. The Negative Predictive Values for a cutoff score of 9 is .95, which means that most people who have a negative COMM™ are likely not misusing their medication. Finally, the Positive likelihood ratio suggests that a positive COMM™ score (at a cutoff of 9) is nearly 3 times (3.48 times) as likely to come from someone who is actually misusing their medication (note that, of these statistics, the likelihood ratio is least affected by prevalence rates). All this implies that by using a cutoff score of 9 will ensure that the provider is least likely to miss someone who is really misusing their prescription opioids. However, one should remember that a low COMM™ score suggests the patient is really at low-risk, while a high COMM™ score will contain a larger percentage of false positives (about 34%), while at the same time retaining a large percentage of true positives. This could be improved, so that a positive score has a lower false positive rate, but only at the risk of missing more of those who actually do show aberrant behavior.

COMM™ Cutoff Score	Sensitivity	Specificity	Positive Predictive Value	Negative Predictive Value	Positive Likelihood Ratio	Negative Likelihood Ration
Score 9 or above	.77	.66	.66	.95	3.48	.08

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Pain Medication Questionnaire (PMQ)

Background

1. Survey of 26 self-assessment questionnaire to be completed by patient to assess the risk of opioid medication misuse among chronic pain patients
2. Answers scored on a Likert 5-point scale of 0 (disagree) to 4 (agree), some questions have reverse numeration
3. Further research may be needed to fortify the replicability and validity of the PMQ as a broad-use tool
4. The PMQ can be time consuming to complete

Questions consist of 26 groups of statements. Patients are directed to select the description which best matches their experiences, thoughts, and needs related to their pain medication. Topics include:

- Adjuvant Therapies
- Alcohol
- Anxiety, Depression and Sleep
- Borrowing Medication
- Concentration
- Concomitant Illnesses
- Dependence on Medication
- Discussing Pain with Doctor
- Early Refills
- Education on Medication
- Emergency Room
- GI Effects
- Increased Dosage
- Lost Medication
- Medication Preferences
- Multiple Doctors
- New Treatment Plan
- Obtaining Medication
- Quantity Medication
- Saving Medication
- Self-Medicating

Interpretation

- Higher PMQ scores in the higher third (70 to 104) are associated with history of substance abuse, higher levels of psychosocial distress, and poorer functioning (HPMQ)
- Patients falling in the lower third of scores (0 to 34) constituted the low risk group and are at lower potential for opioid misuse (LPMQ)

Resources: PMQ

1. General
 - a. Intended for use by licensed healthcare professionals only
 - b. Published by Elsevier
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Progress Note
Pain Assessment and Documentation Tool (PADT™)

Patient Name: _____ Record #: _____

Patient Stamp Here

Assessment Date: _____

Current Analgesic Regimen

Drug Name	Strength (eg, mg)	Frequency	Maximum Total Daily Dose

The PADT is a clinician-directed interview; that is, the clinician asks the questions, and the clinician records the responses. The Analgesia, Activities of Daily Living, and Adverse Events sections may be completed by the physician, nurse practitioner, physician assistant, or nurse. The Potential Aberrant Drug-Related Behavior and Assessment sections must be completed by the physician. Ask the patient the questions below, except as noted.

Analgesia	Activities of Daily Living																												
<p>If zero indicates "no pain" and ten indicates "pain as bad as it can be," on a scale of 0 to 10, what is your level of pain for the following questions?</p> <p>1. What was your pain level on average during the past week? (Please circle the appropriate number)</p> <p>No Pain 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Pain as bad as it can be</p> <p>2. What was your pain level at its worst during the past week?</p> <p>No Pain 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Pain as bad as it can be</p> <p>3. What percentage of your pain has been relieved during the past week? (Write in a percentage between 0% and 100%).</p> <hr/> <p>4. Is the amount of pain relief you are now obtaining from your current pain reliever(s) enough to make a real difference in your life?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>5. Query to clinician: Is the patient's pain relief clinically significant?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure</p>	<p>Please indicate whether the patient's functioning with the current pain reliever(s) is Better, the Same, or Worse since the patient's last assessment with the PADT.* (Please check the box for Better, Same, or Worse for each item below.)</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 40%;"> </td> <td style="width: 20%; text-align: center;">Better</td> <td style="width: 20%; text-align: center;">Same</td> <td style="width: 20%; text-align: center;">Worse</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1. Physical functioning</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2. Family relationships</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>3. Social relationships</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>4. Mood</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>5. Sleep patterns</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>6. Overall functioning</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </table>		Better	Same	Worse	1. Physical functioning	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2. Family relationships	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3. Social relationships	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4. Mood	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	5. Sleep patterns	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	6. Overall functioning	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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*If the patient is receiving his or her first PADT assessment, the clinician should compare the patient's functional status with other reports from the last office visit.

Progress Note

Pain Assessment and Documentation Tool (PADT™)

Adverse Events					Potential Aberrant Drug-Related Behavior This section must be completed by the physician																																																																																																																								
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Addiction Behaviors Checklist (ABC)

Designed to track behaviors characteristic of addiction related to prescription opioid medications in chronic pain patients. Items are focused on observable behaviors noted both during and between visits. ABC is focused on longitudinal assessment and tracking of problematic behaviors.

Addiction Behaviors Checklist

Instructions: Code only for patients prescribed opioid or sedative analgesics on behaviors exhibited “since last visit” and “within the current visit” (NA = not assessed)

Addiction behaviors—since last visit

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| 1. Patient used illicit drugs or evidences problem drinking* | Y | N | NA |
| 2. Patient has hoarded meds | Y | N | NA |
| 3. Patient used more narcotic than prescribed | Y | N | NA |
| 4. Patient ran out of meds early | Y | N | NA |
| 5. Patient has increased use of narcotics | Y | N | NA |
| 6. Patient used analgesics PRN when prescription is for time contingent use | Y | N | NA |
| 7. Patient received narcotics from more than one provider | Y | N | NA |
| 8. Patient bought meds on the streets | Y | N | NA |

Addiction behaviors—within current visit

- | | | | |
|---|---|---|----|
| 1. Patient appears sedated or confused (e.g., slurred speech, unresponsive) | Y | N | NA |
| 2. Patient expresses worries about addiction | Y | N | NA |
| 3. Patient expressed a strong preference for a specific type of analgesic or a specific route of administration | Y | N | NA |
| 4. Patient expresses concern about future availability of narcotic | Y | N | NA |
| 5. Patient reports worsened relationships with family | Y | N | NA |
| 6. Patient misrepresented analgesic prescription or use | Y | N | NA |
| 7. Patient indicated she or he “needs” or “must have” analgesic meds | Y | N | NA |
| 8. Discussion of analgesic meds was the predominant issue of visit | Y | N | NA |
| 9. Patient exhibited lack of interest in rehab or self-management | Y | N | NA |
| 10. Patient reports minimal/inadequate relief from narcotic analgesic | Y | N | NA |
| 11. Patient indicated difficulty with using medication agreement | Y | N | NA |

Other

- | | | | |
|--|---|---|----|
| 1. Significant others express concern over patient’s use of analgesics | Y | N | NA |
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*Item 1 original phrasing: (“Patient used ETOH or illicit drugs”), had a low correlation with global clinical judgment. This is possibly associated with difficulty in content interpretation, in that if a patient endorsed highly infrequent alcohol use, he or she would receive a positive rating on this item, but not be considered as using the prescription opioid medications inappropriately. Therefore, we include in this version of the ABC a suggested wording change for this item that specifies problem drinking as the criterion for alcohol use.

ABC Score: _____

Score of ≥ 3 indicates possible inappropriate opioid use and should flag for further examination of specific signs of misuse and more careful patient monitoring (i.e., urine screening, pill counts, removal of opioid).

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STATE OF LOUISIANA

Standing Order for the Distribution or Dispensing of Naloxone or Other Opioid Antagonists

Background and Purpose

Naloxone, and other opioid antagonists, is a prescription medication indicated for the reversal of respiratory depression or unresponsiveness due to opioid overdose. Given the current public health emergency relative to the misuse and abuse of opioid derivatives, it has been determined that widespread availability of opioid antagonists to addicts and their caregivers, as well as first responders in the community, would serve the public interest. For as long as naloxone, and other such opioid antagonists, remain classified as prescription drugs by the federal Food and Drug Administration, pharmacists must secure a prescription or order from a prescriber with the legal authority to prescribe said drug products in order to dispense or distribute the drug product. Thus, the Louisiana Legislature has adopted a number of laws designed to facilitate the distribution and dispensing of naloxone, or other opioid antagonists, beyond the person who would need the medication on an emergent basis to manage an opioid-related drug overdose; specifically first responders, caregivers and family/ friends of potential patients.

According to La R.S. 40:978.2, a licensed medical practitioner may, directly or by **standing order** (emphasis added), prescribe or dispense the drug naloxone or another opioid antagonist without having examined the individual to whom it may be administered if two conditions are met. First, the licensed medical practitioner must provide the individual receiving and administering the naloxone or other opioid antagonist all training required by the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) for the safe and proper administration of naloxone or another opioid antagonist to individuals who are undergoing, or who are believed to be undergoing, an opioid-related drug overdose. According to the statute, the training, at a minimum, shall address (1) techniques on how to recognize signs of opioid-related overdose, (2) standards and procedures for the storage and administration of naloxone or another opioid antagonist and (3) emergency follow-up procedures including the requirement to summon emergency services either immediately before or immediately after administering the naloxone or other opioid antagonist to an individual apparently experiencing an opioid-related overdose. Second, the naloxone, or other opioid antagonist, must be prescribed or dispensed in such a manner that it shall be administered through a device approved for this purpose by the United States Food and Drug Administration.

Authorization

The standing order is issued in compliance with, and under the authority of, La. R.S. 40:978.2 and shall be deemed as a medical order for naloxone, or other opioid antagonist, as long as the conditions of the statute are met. This standing order shall be valid for one year from the date of issue below.

Training and Instructional Materials

In accordance with the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy's regulations ([LAC 46:LIII.2541](#)), the pharmacist distributing the naloxone, or other opioid antagonist, must verify the recipient's knowledge and understanding of the proper use of the drug product. At a minimum, this must include (1) techniques on how to recognize signs of an opioid-related drug overdose, (2) standards and procedures for the storage

and administration of the drug product, and (3) emergency follow-up procedures, including the requirement to summon emergency service either immediately before or immediately after administering the drug product to the individual experiencing the overdose.

Dosage and Refills

Further, refills may be obtained as needed pursuant to this order. Do not administer naloxone for usage on an individual with known hypersensitivity to naloxone, or to any other ingredient that may be referenced in the package insert of naloxone, or any other opioid antagonist prescribed and/or dispensed.

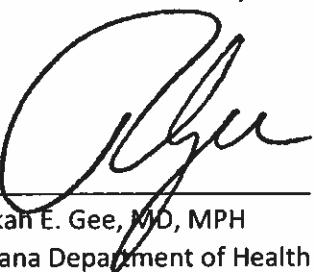
Reimbursement

For reimbursement purposes, it may be necessary to have the medication dispensed in the name of the insured. This standing order authorizes the pharmacist to prepare a prescription for naloxone or other opioid antagonist, with refills authorized, in the name of the insured, and then dispense that product. This standing order, in and of itself, should not be relied upon as a guaranty or reimbursement from any payer source.

Recordkeeping

In order to comply with the recordkeeping requirements found in the Board of Pharmacy rules and regulations, the pharmacist shall attach a copy of this standing order to the invoice, or other record of sale of distribution. Further, the pharmacist shall store these transaction documents with the other distribution records in the pharmacy.

I hereby declare this standing order as a statewide medical order for the dispensing of naloxone, or opioid antagonist product, as long as the requirements of La. R.S. 40:978.2 and LAC 46:LIII.2541 are satisfied. Any pharmacy licensed by the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy may rely on this standing order for the distribution or dispensing of naloxone or other opioid antagonist to any Louisiana resident.



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Revised Statutes

TITLE 14 - Criminal Law

RS 14:403.10 - Drug-related overdoses; medical assistance; immunity from prosecution

Universal Citation: [LA Rev Stat § 14:403.10](#)

§403.10. Drug-related overdoses; medical assistance; immunity from prosecution

A. A person acting in good faith who seeks medical assistance for an individual experiencing a drug-related overdose may not be charged, prosecuted, or penalized for possession of a controlled dangerous substance under the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Law if the evidence for possession of a controlled dangerous substance was obtained as a result of the person's seeking medical assistance, unless the person illegally provided or administered a controlled dangerous substance to the individual.

B. A person who experiences a drug-related overdose and is in need of medical assistance shall not be charged, prosecuted, or penalized for possession of a controlled dangerous substance under the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Law if the evidence for possession of a controlled substance was obtained as a result of the overdose and the need for medical assistance.

C. Protection in this Section from prosecution for possession offenses under the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Law may not be grounds for suppression of evidence in other criminal prosecutions.

Acts 2014, No. 392, §1.

2014 Louisiana Laws

Revised Statutes

TITLE 14 - Criminal Law

RS 14:403.11 - Administration of opiate antagonists; immunity

Universal Citation: LA Rev Stat § 14:403.11

§403.11. Administration of opiate antagonists; immunity

A. First responders shall have the authority to administer, without prescription, opiate antagonists when encountering an individual exhibiting signs of an opiate overdose.

B. For the purposes of this Section, a first responder shall include all of the following:

(1) A law enforcement official.

(2) An emergency medical technician.

(3) A firefighter.

(4) Medical personnel at secondary schools and institutions of higher education.

C.(1) Before administering an opioid antagonist pursuant to this Section, a first responder shall complete the training necessary to safely and properly administer an opioid antagonist to individuals who are undergoing or who are believed to be undergoing an opioid-related drug overdose. The training, at a minimum, shall cover all of the following:

(a) Techniques on how to recognize symptoms of an opioid-related overdose.

(b) Standards and procedures for the storage and administration of an opioid antagonist.

(c) Emergency follow-up procedures.

(2) Any first responder administering an opiate antagonist in a manner consistent with addressing opiate overdose shall not be liable for any civil damages as a result of any act or omission in rendering such care or services or as a result of any act or failure to act to provide or arrange for further medical treatment or care for the person involved in said emergency, unless the damage or injury was caused by willful or wanton misconduct or gross negligence.

D. The deputy secretary of public safety services of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall develop and promulgate, in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, a set of best practices for use by a fire department or law enforcement agency in the administration and enforcement of this Section including but not limited to the training necessary to safely and properly administer an opioid antagonist to individuals who are undergoing or who are believed to be undergoing an opioid-related drug overdose, the standards and procedures for the storage and administration of an opioid antagonist, and emergency follow-up procedures.

Acts 2014, No. 392, §1.

2018 Louisiana Laws

Revised Statutes

TITLE 40 - Public Health and Safety

RS 40:1006 - Reporting of prescription monitoring information

Universal Citation: [LA Rev Stat § 40:1006 \(2018\)](#)

§1006. Reporting of prescription monitoring information

A. Each dispenser shall submit to the board information regarding each prescription dispensed for a controlled substance or drug monitored by the program. The information submitted for each prescription shall include, at a minimum, data relative to the identification of the following elements of the transaction:

- (1) Prescriber information.
- (2) Patient information.
- (3) Prescription information.
- (4) Controlled substance or drug information.
- (5) Dispenser information.

B. Each dispenser shall submit the required information in accordance with transmission methods and frequency established by the board. Each eligible prescription transaction shall be reported no later than the next business day after the date of dispensing.

C. The board may issue a waiver to a dispenser who is unable to submit prescription information by electronic means. The waiver shall state the format and frequency with which the dispenser shall submit the required information. The board may issue an exemption from the reporting requirement to a dispenser whose practice activities are inconsistent with the intent of the program. The board may rescind any previously issued exemption without the need for an informal or formal hearing.

D. Any person or entity required to report information concerning prescriptions to the board or to its designated agent pursuant to the requirements of this Part shall not be liable to any person or entity for any claim of damages as a result of the act of reporting the information and no lawsuit may be predicated thereon. Any person or entity who submits report information in good faith containing prescription information that is not the subject of the PMP shall not be liable to any person or entity for any claim of damages and no lawsuit may be predicated thereon.

E. The prescription monitoring program's agents, a dispenser, or a prescriber may report suspected violations of this Section or violations of any law to any local, state, out-of-state, or

federal law enforcement agency, or the appropriate prosecutorial agency for further investigation or prosecution.

F. No agent, dispenser, or prescriber who in good faith reports suspected violations as provided for in Subsection E of this Section shall be liable to any person or entity for any claim of damages as a result of the act of reporting the information, and no lawsuit may be predicated thereon.

G. The board shall establish by rulemaking standards for the retention, archiving, and destruction of prescription monitoring information.

Acts 2006, No. 676, §1, eff. July 1, 2006; Acts 2009, No. 129, §1; Acts 2009, No. 314, §1; Acts 2010, No. 488, §1, eff. June 22, 2010; Acts 2014, No. 472, §1; Acts 2016, No. 189, §1; Acts 2018, No. 206, §4.