

ANALGESIC MEDICATIONS (REFERENCE)

NALOXONE

Narcotic (opiate) antagonist

Used by Combat Medics

For narcotic opiate overdose and reversal of effects, including respiratory depression, sedation, and hypotension.

DOSAGE(S):

0.4-2 mg IV, IN or IM; repeat every 2-3 min to a max dose of 10 mg, as indicated

ROUTE(S):

IV, IN, IM

CONTRA-INDICATIONS:

Hypersensitivity to naloxone, use cautiously in patients with cardiac irritability, considered relatively safe in pregnancy, if clinically indicated

POTENTIAL SIDE EFFECTS:

Analgesia reversal, tremors, hyperventilation, drowsiness, sweating, increased BP, tachycardia, nausea, vomiting

DRUG INTERACTIONS: Cardiotoxic drugs (may cause serious CV effects) – use together cautiously, reverses analgesic effects of narcotic (opiate) agonists

ONSET/PEAK/DURATION: 1-2 min/5-15 min/variable

TACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS: An overdose of naloxone is unlikely if used as indicated; naloxone should be readily available anytime narcotics are being administered; titrate to effect (resolving narcotic overdose signs and symptoms) but continue to manage casualty's pain; naloxone may wear off prior to opiate – observe closely for signs of recurrent opiate overdose.





