

# NALOXONE




## Co-prescribe Naloxone<sup>1,12-15</sup>

Offer naloxone to patients with **risk factors** for opioid-related harm, including:

- Higher opioid dosages ( $\geq 50$  MME/day)
- Elderly patients ( $\geq 65$  years old)
- Respiratory conditions (e.g. COPD, sleep apnea)
- Concurrent benzodiazepine use
- History of overdose and/or substance use disorder

Patients who received naloxone by emergency personnel is documented in ILPMP.org



Formulation	Dosage Form	Quantity	Prescribing Instructions
<b>Narcan®</b> (naloxone 4 mg/0.1 mL)		#1 two-pack of single-dose intranasal devices	Call 911. Administer one spray into one nostril for one dose. Repeat with new device in alternate nostril every 2 to 3 minutes until the person responds or emergency medical help arrives.
<b>Kloxxado™</b> (naloxone 8 mg/0.1 mL)		#1 two-pack of single-dose intranasal devices	Call 911. Administer one spray into one nostril for one dose. Repeat with new device in alternate nostril every 2 to 3 minutes until the person responds or emergency medical help arrives.
<b>Naloxone Injectable</b> (0.4 mg/1mL)		#2 single-use 1 mL vials PLUS #2 3 mL syringe w/ 23-25 gauge 1-1.5 inch IM needles	Call 911. Inject 1 mL in shoulder or thigh. Repeat with new vial and syringe every 2 to 3 minutes until the person responds or emergency medical help arrives.

The **Illinois Naloxone Standing Order** allows pharmacists to dispense naloxone to anyone **without a prescription**, to increase the availability of naloxone in the community.

## Destigmatizing Opioid Safety<sup>15</sup>

The word “overdose” may have negative connotations for those taking prescription opioids. Consider alternative language such as “accidental overdose,” “bad reaction,” or “opioid safety.”



*“Opioids can sometimes slow or even stop your breathing.”*

*“Naloxone is the antidote to opioids—to be sprayed in the nose or injected if there is a bad reaction where you or your loved one cannot be woken up.”*

*“Naloxone is for opioid medications like an epinephrine pen is for someone with an allergy.”*