



Let's make a difference: Naloxone

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I, Karen Marlowe, have no actual or potential conflict of interest in relation to this program.



Learning Objectives



- Illustrate proper use of naloxone formulations
- Review Good Samaritan law and how it relates to naloxone administration
- Discuss accessibility of naloxone in Alabama
- Explain and provide examples of the dangers when handling unknown drugs and interacting with those with OUD

Narcan Stops Opioid Overdoses. How Do You Use It?





THERE ARE MULTIPLE TYPES OF NALOXONE

Talk with the pharmacist to decide which is the best fit for you





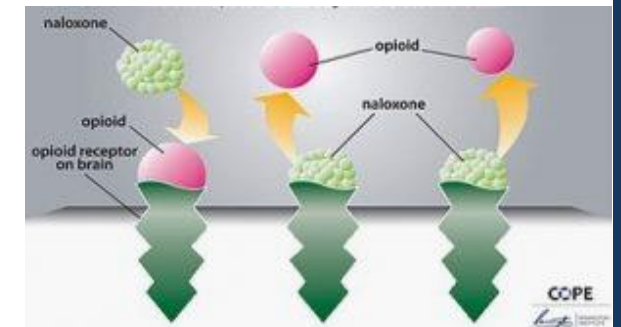
Myths vs Facts

- ✓ Myth – Giving someone naloxone will make them more likely to overdose
- ✓ Myth – Naloxone prevents those with opioid use disorder from seeking treatment
- ✓ Myth – Only a doctor can prescribe Naloxone
- ✓ Myth – Naloxone can cause people to become violent
- ✓ Myth – Naloxone administration can cause a heart attack or stroke



Who Should Have Naloxone?

- Anyone with a history of opioid use disorder, actively in treatment, or in a 12 step program
- Anyone who has opioid in the home
- Businesses, places of worship, public facilities or schools that may serve any of the first two groups





What are the Symptoms of Opioid Overdose?

- In some victims, symptoms may evolve slowly over hours
- People who have been on opioids chronically may have slower onset of symptoms
- Symptoms should be treated as any other medical emergency – call 911

Breathing will be slow or absent



Lips and nails are blue



Person is not moving



Person may be choking



You can hear gurgling sounds or snoring



Can't be woken up



Skin feels cold and clammy



Pupils are tiny



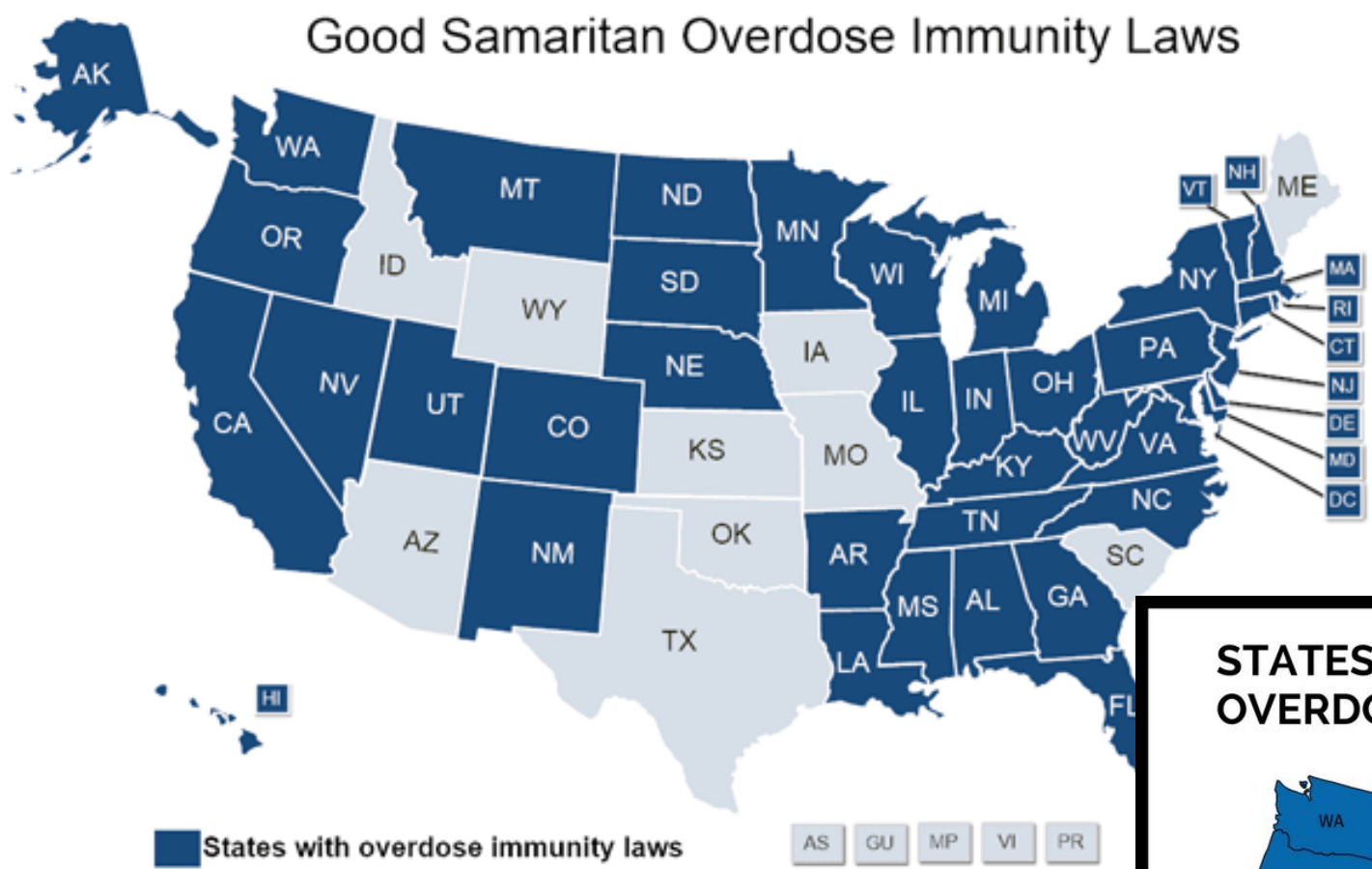


Standing Order and Good Samaritan

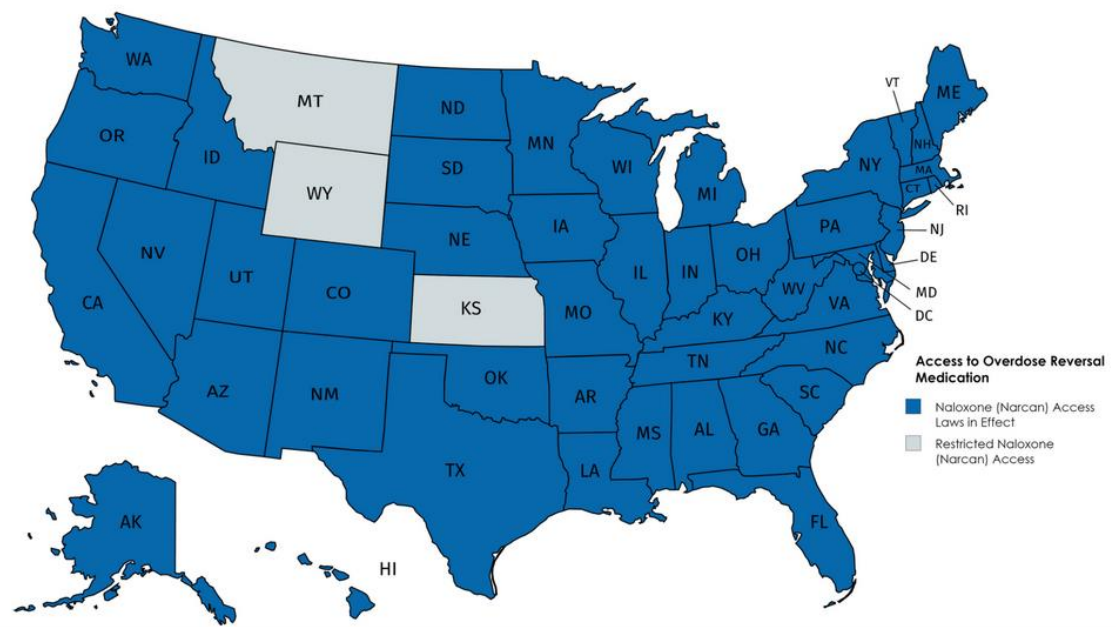
- [HB208](#) was signed into law in 2015 and provided immunity for prescribing and administering an opioid antagonist, such as naloxone
 - This is commonly known as a "Good Samaritan Law"
- In 2016, [HB379](#) was signed into law, providing the State Health Officer or a county health officer the authority to write a standing order for dispensing naloxone
 - This is the law that allows Naloxone to be purchased without a prescription

A sample prescription form with the following fields: "For" (patient name), "Date", "Address", a large "Rx" symbol, "LABEL: Yes No ", a box for "No. of units" and "Strength", "Dr." (physician name), "Substitution Permitted" (Yes/No), "Dispense as Written" (Yes/No), "DEA No.", and "Number: PHARMACIST".

Good Samaritan Overdose Immunity Laws



STATES WITH LAYPERSON ACCESS TO OVERDOSE REVERSAL MEDICATION





How Can I Obtain Naloxone?

- Prescription
 - Covered by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama
 - Medicaid of Alabama
 - Other insurers – have to check each insurer for individual regulations
- Purchase without a Prescription at most pharmacies
 - Suggest checking that it is in stock
 - Ask about pricing and for type that is in stock –
 - Pricing can vary significantly between different suppliers



How is Naloxone Administered?





Precautions and Concerns

- Do not touch or recap needles!
- Call 911
- Follow basic CPR if the overdose victim is not breathing or is pulseless
- Use gloves if available





Additional Resources

- First Responder Training Video From ADPH - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RBWtgIUISf8&feature=youtu.be>
- Community Training Video for Injection - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-DQBCnrAPBY>
- Links to Resources on Naloxone:
 - <https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/pharmacy/naloxone-dispensing.html>
 - <https://www.notonemorealabama.org/narcan--good-samaritan-law.html>



Questions?

