Intranasal Naloxone: Information for Prescribers

Why Naloxone?

The increasing incidence of opioid overdose has raised public health alarm. It has contributed significantly to accidental deaths among those who use, misuse, or abuse illicit and prescription opioids. In addition, the combination of benzodiazepines and opioids places clients at increased risk of respiratory depression. Naloxone should be considered for clients using chronic opioids as well as those on combination of opioids and benzodiazepines.

Naloxone is a potent, short-acting opioid antagonist, effective in reversing opioid-related sedation and respiratory depression. It acts within 5-13 minutes, and lasts 30 to 120 minutes.

Why Intranasal?

Naloxone is traditionally given as intramuscular injection. However, intranasal administration is effective and more convenient. The naloxone 2mg/2ml syringe can be converted to intranasal application when a nasal atomizer is attached.

What's the liability?

Under California Civil Code§ 1714.22, licensed health care providers may prescribe naloxone to individuals (and to their family members or caregivers) at risk for opioid overdose. This law protects the naloxone prescriber and the lay person who administers naloxone from civil and criminal liability. Additionally, Health and Safety Code § 11376.5 protects lay persons from arrest when seeking medical assistance during a drug overdose.

What training is required?

Prescribers and community pharmacists need to review <u>Naloxone Training for Providers</u> (link) prior to prescribing or dispensing naloxone. The BHRS pharmacy team plans to conduct training with prescribers, nursing staff, clients/families, as well as community pharmacies.

Naloxone is a bystander-administered drug which means that caregivers should be instructed on the proper use and administration. After training, select community pharmacies will counsel clients and caregivers before dispensing, pursuant to Assembly Bill AB1535.

What's in the Naloxone Kit?

Intranasal Kit contains the following items inside a clear Ziplock bag							
Opioid Safety and Survival Brochure	(Link)						
Intranasal Mucosal Atomization Device (2)	MAD-300 from Teleflex						
Naloxone 2mg/2ml prefilled syringe w/o needle (2)	NDC 76329-3369-1						

Kits are assembled at the pharmacies and given to the client or caregiver after receiving training.

How to prescribe?

Place order in eCW or OrderConnect:

Drug: Naloxone 2mg/2ml syringe, #2 syringes

Sig: Spray one-half of syringe content (1ml) into each nostril upon signs of opioid overdose. Call 911. May repeat with second syringe if no response in 3 minutes.

Note to Pharmacist: Include TWO Intranasal Mucosal Atomization Devices AND Opioid Safety and Survival Brochures. Please TRAIN client or caregiver before dispensing.

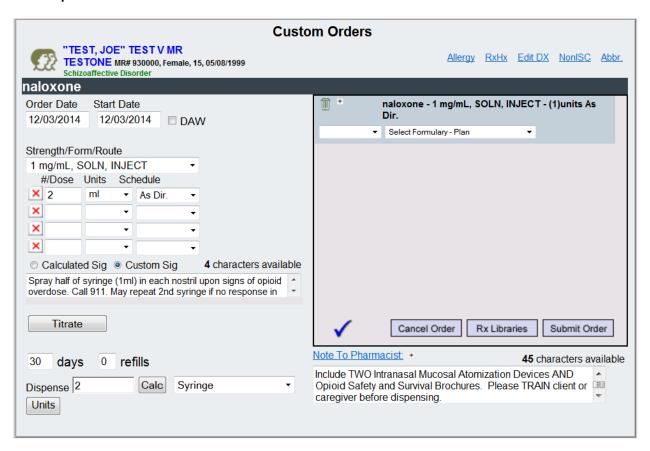
Is it covered by insurance?

Naloxone 2mg/2ml is formulary for clients with ACE, BHRS, MediCal, or CareAdvantage benefits. The Atomizer will be covered by BHRS or SMMC pharmacy.

Which pharmacies to use?

Anchor pharmacy, Half Moon Bay Pharmacy, San Mateo Neighborhood Pharmacy, San Mateo Medical Center Pharmacy, Safeway Pharmacies, Ted's pharmacy, Walgreens.

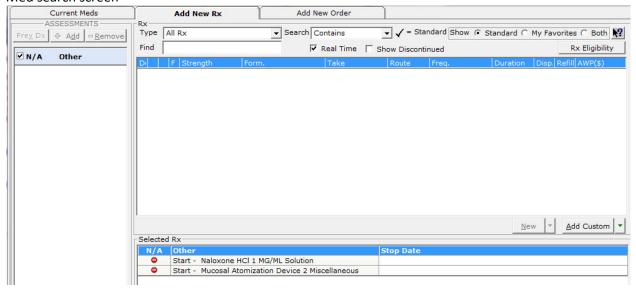
How to place Intranasal Naloxone order in OrderConnect



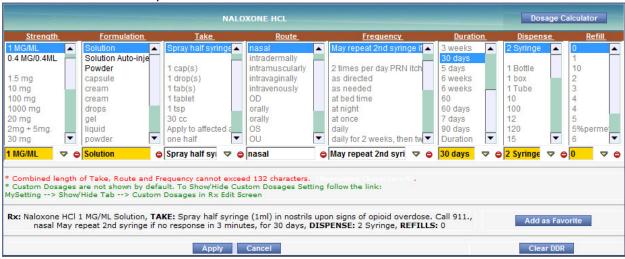


How to place Intranasal Naloxone order in eCW

Med search screen



Order screen of each entry





Summary screen

⚠	Comn	Name	Strength	Form	Take	Route	Frec	Dura	Dis	Ref	Auth	AW	Stop Date	Notes
	Start	Naloxon	1 MG/ML	Solut	Spray	nasal	May	30 d	2 S	0		.70		
	Start	Mucosal	2	Misce	Inclu			30 d	2 U	0				

Sample Rx fax

Rx

Naloxone HCl Solution 1 MG/ML nasal

Disp: ***2 Syringe*** (TWO)

Sig: Spray half syringe (1ml) in nostrils upon signs of opioid overdose. Call

911. May repeat 2nd syringe if no response in 3 minutes 30 days

Diagnosis:

Refills: ***0*** (ZERO)

Rx

Mucosal Atomization Device Miscellaneous 2

Disp: ***2 Unit*** (TWO)

Sig: Include Opioid Safety and Survival Brochure. Please TRAIN client and

caregiver before dispensing. 30 days

Diagnosis:

Refills: ***0*** (ZERO)