San Mateo County Emergency Medical Services

Law Enforcement – Suspected Opioid Overdose

For any intentional or unintentional suspected opioid overdose by any route

History
• Ingestion or suspected ingestion of opioid(s)
• Substance ingested, route, and quantity
• Time of ingestion
• Reason (suicidal, accidental or criminal)
• Past medical history and medications

Signs and Symptoms
• Mental status changes/unresponsive
• Slow respirations or apneic
• Pupillary changes

Special Considerations
• If in doubt, request paramedic response

Adequate respirations (> 8) and suspected narcotic overdose?

Yes

Sit person up or if lying, place on left side

Consider, request paramedic response

No

Request paramedic response

Check patient for responsiveness

Open airway

Assist with ventilations as needed. If no pulse, begin CPR.

Naloxone 4mg
Administer 1 spray in each nostril

May repeat after 3 minutes if no or minimal response

If indicated, continue CPR until indicated to stop

Notify paramedics of administration of naloxone

Complete and submit “Law Enforcement Administration of Naloxone Report”