



Questions about your prescription of Narcan (naloxone)

What is naloxone?

Naloxone, also known as Narcan, is a medication that reverses the effects of opioids in the body. If a person is experiencing a life-threatening overdose, naloxone acts as an antidote – and will stop the effects of the opioid in the person’s body.

Why am I receiving a prescription for naloxone?

Unfortunately, when taken at too high of a dose, opioids can make a person stop breathing -- this can be fatal. Almost 100 Americans die every day from an opioid overdose. Anyone with an opioid in their home – even a small amount – is at risk of an opioid overdose. This includes YOU and YOUR family members.

But I am careful with my medicines. Why do I need this?

Even when people are very careful, opioids can lead to life-threatening or fatal accidents:

1. A child accidentally taking a dose of the medicine, not knowing what it is.
2. An elderly family member confusing their regular medicines with your pain medication.
3. Accidentally mixing up pill bottles, and taking more opioid tablets than prescribed

Just like having a smoke detector or a fire extinguisher, having naloxone spray available can stop an accidental overdose from becoming fatal. We are prescribing this for your (and your family’s) **safety**.