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## STANDING ORDERS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF NARCAN

### SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF OPIATE OVERDOSE

1. Unresponsiveness to verbal stimuli or sternal rub
2. Slow, shallow, or no breathing
3. Turning pale, blue or gray (especially lips and fingernails)
4. Snoring/gurgling/choking sounds
5. Body very limp
6. Pinpoint pupils
7. Evidence of drug use/and or drug paraphernalia around or on client (i.e. track marks, syringe)

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1. Administer Narcan 4mg spray into one nostril
2. Repeat in 2-3 minutes in opposite nostril if the client has not responded

This reversal drug is used for the following **OPIATES**:

1. Buprenorphine (Subutex or Suboxone)
2. Codeine
3. Demerol
4. Dilaudid
5. Fentanyl
6. Heroin
7. Hydrocodone (OxyContin, Percocet, Percodan)
8. Morphine
9. Oxycodone
10. Tramadol
11. Vicodin

### CONTRAINDICATIONS

There are no contraindications to administering Narcan.

### SIGNATURE OF PHYSICIAN

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Date