

Naloxone

What is it? Where can you get it?



Naloxone (sold with the name Narcan) is a medication that stops overdoses caused by opioid prescription pain pills and heroin.

How is Naloxone given? Naloxone can be given nasally (through the nose) or intramuscularly (through a large muscle in the arm or leg).

Does Naloxone have side effects?

Naloxone is a very safe medicine. It can cause symptoms of opioid withdrawal when used to stop an overdose. Opioid withdrawal symptoms may be painful but are not life-threatening. Withdrawal symptoms include sweating, shaking, anxiety and throwing up.

How long does it take to work? Naloxone starts working in 2 or 3 minutes, and it stays in the body for about 1 hour.

How much does Naloxone cost?

Naloxone is covered by most private insurance providers. If you do not have insurance, the cost can be anywhere from \$50 to \$120. **There are cost assistance programs to help you get Naloxone if you cannot afford it.**

Where can I get Naloxone? The Surry County Health and Nutrition Center carries Naloxone. Call 336-401-8400 to find out more. You can also get it at any of the pharmacies listed on the back of this page. North Carolina has a standing order for Naloxone. This means that you do not need a prescription to get it.

Visit www.naloxonesaves.org for more information about Naloxone.