

THE
POWER
TO STOP
OPIOID
OVERDOSE
DEATHS
IS IN OUR
HANDS.



IF SOMEONE IS EXPERIENCING
AN OPIOID OVERDOSE:

1

CALL 911

2

ADMINISTER NARCAN®
NASAL SPRAY

3

STAY TO ASSIST
UNTIL HELP ARRIVES

For full information about
Narcan® Nasal Spray visit
narcana.com



Georgia Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental
Disabilities - Office of Behavioral Health Prevention
For additional resources visit **dbhdd.georgia.gov**.

Sources: ¹CDC (Centers for Disease Control); ²NIDA (National
Institute on Drug Abuse); ³ASAM (American Society of Addiction
Medicine); ⁴Adapt Pharma - Narcan Nasal Spray Fact Sheet

It can
happen
to anyone.



The problem

Nearly half of all opioid deaths involve a prescription opioid.¹

More than **1 in 3** Americans use a prescription opioid painkiller.²

Every day more than **1000 people** are treated in emergency departments for not using prescription opioids as directed.¹

Anyone who takes prescription opioids can become addicted to them. Taking too many prescription opioids can stop a person's breathing, leading to death.¹

The facts

Drug overdose is the leading cause of accidental death in the U.S. with opioid addiction driving this epidemic.³

Opioids include not only the illegal drug heroin, but also prescription pain relievers oxycodone, hydrocodone, codeine, morphine, fentanyl and others.³

Opioids are chemically related and interact with opioid receptors on nerve cells in the brain and nervous system to produce pleasurable effects and relieve pain.³

Pain relief is most commonly cited as the reason for misuse of opioids and close to half of those who misused got them from a family member or friend.²



What we can do



Narcan® Nasal Spray

Narcan is the nasal spray form of Naloxone. Timely administration of a sufficient dose can reverse the life-threatening breathing difficulties caused by an opioid overdose.⁴

Narcan Nasal Spray is an FDA-approved, needle-free Naloxone treatment. The nasal spray is ready to use and can be given quickly and easily without special training if an opioid overdose occurs.⁴

Narcan Nasal Spray is now available without a prescription at most drug stores across the country. Just ask your pharmacist.

Anyone who is taking opioids, or friends and family members of someone taking opioids, should keep Narcan on hand.

If an overdose happens, time is critical. Call 911 and then quickly give the person Narcan. Remember **Georgia's Good Samaritan Law**. Medical amnesty is given to the person overdosing, and the person calling, when seeking medical help.

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