

DALTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Standard Operating Guideline

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Policy: Administering Naloxone (Narcan)

Scope: All Personnel

PROCEDURE: Naloxone (Narcan) is a medication classified as an opioid overdose antidote which works by reversing the respiratory effects caused by opioids to revive the person who is heavily sedated or unresponsive due to ingesting too much of an opioid.

Authorized DFD Medical First Responders will utilize the MAD® non-invasive intranasal route for Narcan medication administration to the symptomatic patient.

INDICATIONS FOR USE:

Overdose on opiates or synthetic opiates

Procedure: 4 MG Pre-filled Narcan Nasal Spray

1. Identify Opioid Overdose and Check for response.
 - Unresponsive/ will not respond
 - Shallow/slow breathing
 - Pinpoint pupils
2. Place patient on their back
 - Gently insert tip of the nozzle into nostril
 - Tilt head back
 - Press plunger firmly to give dose of Narcan
3. Turn patient on side and place into recover position
 - If no response or change in LOC in 2 minutes may give another dose of Narcan in other nostril.
4. At any time patient stops breathing, begin CPR immediately.

CONTRAINDICATIONS FOR USE:

1. Epistaxis- (bleeding from nose)
2. Trauma
3. Septal abnormality
4. Nasal congestion
5. Mucous discharge
6. Destruction of nasal mucosa, surgery or past cocaine abuse

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PPE:

COVID-19 precautions: Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) including mask, face-shield and gloves for those first responders involved in direct patient care during the administration process.