

Information for Prescribers

Under N.J. Law (P.L. 2013, c. 46, known as the Overdose Prevention Act), physicians can prescribe naloxone to anyone in a position to assist others during an overdose (e.g., bystanders) - this is called third party prescribing, as the drug is not necessarily intended to be used for the person receiving the prescription.

NJ Board of Medical Examiners Certificate of Waiver to Implement the Overdose Prevention Act also (P.L. 2013, c. 46):

<http://www.state.nj.us/lps/ca/bme/applications/narcanwaiver.pdf>

The NJ BME has issued a certificate of waiver allowing physicians and other prescribers to write a prescription for the opioid antidote naloxone in the name of the person receiving the prescription, rather than the end user who will be administered the agent (New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners Certificate of Waiver Physician Prescribing Naloxone issued April 9, 2014). In addition, the BME has waived the requirements for a physical examination before or follow up appointment after the issuance of the prescription for the antidote.

When prescribing naloxone in accordance with the *Opioid Antidote and Overdose Prevention Act*, the prescriber should ensure that those receiving naloxone understand the following:

- Signs of an opioid overdose
- Importance of calling 911
- Steps in caring for the overdose victim

Individuals who view the NJ DHS/DMHAS Overdose Responder Training Webinar on this site have meet the requirements for training needed for a naloxone prescription.

Recommendation is to prescribe naloxone for intranasal use, as it is safer (e.g., no risk of needle stick) and easier to use than a syringe, while being about equally effective in overdoses.

Prescription Information: Prescriptions for intranasal naloxone can read as follows:

Naloxone HCL 1mg/mL

2 X 2 ml, as pre-filled Luer-lock needleless syringe (NDC 763293369-1)

Refills: _____

2 X Mucosal Atomizing Device (MAD 300)

Refills: _____

**For suspected opioid overdoses, spray half of ampule (1 mL) in each nostril.
Repeat after 3 minutes if no or minimal response**

Pharmacist: Call 1-800-788-7999 to order MAD-300.

Note that the Intranasal applicator (Luer Lock) is not generally available in pharmacies, but it can be ordered by pharmacists and is otherwise available online without the need for a prescription

For a prescription form and patient handout for intranasal naloxone, go to the following:

<http://www.prescribetoprevent.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/11/naloxone-one-pager-in-nov-2012.pdf>

For prescription form and handouts for injectable naloxone, go to the following:

http://www.prescribetoprevent.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/11/one-pager_22.pdf