

Kittitas County EMS – Prehospital Care Protocols

SUBJECT: NALOXONE (NARCAN)

ACTION:

Reverses the effects of narcotics.

INDICATIONS:

ALS -

- Narcotic overdoses including: morphine, heroin, demerol, dilaudid, paregoric, percodan, fentanyl, methadone.
- Synthetic overdoses include: nubain, talwin, stadol, darvon.
- Alcoholic coma and also to rule out narcotics in coma of unknown etiology.

BLS - Respiratory compromise, abnormal breathing, RR <8, altered level of consciousness, pinpoint pupils

CONTRAINDICATIONS:

Patient with history of hypersensitivity.

PRECAUTIONS:

Administer with caution to patients dependent on narcotic as it may cause withdrawal effects. Short acting and should be augmented every 5 minutes.

SIDE EFFECTS:

None, possible projectile vomiting.

DOSAGE:

ALS - 0.4 mg-2.0 mg up to a total dose of 10 mg (larger doses may be required to reverse Darvon overdose.)

BLS Nasal –

- **1 mg up to a total dose of 2 mg (Mucosal Atomization Device - MAD)**
- **4.0 mg autoinjector (patient's or other emergency responder)**

EMT IM – 0.4 mg up to a total of 0.8 mg

ROUTE:

ALS - IV, IM, or Nasal

BLS –

- **EMT & EMR – Nasal via MAD or Autoinjector**
- **EMTs w/ALS agencies (only) - IM**

PEDIATRIC DOSE:

ALS - 0.005 mg/kg

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