

# Kittitas County Prehospital Care Protocols

## SUBJECT: NALOXONE (NARCAN)

### ACTION:

Reverses the effects of opioids.

### 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 (w/MPD approved training)
- EMTs w/ALS agencies (only) – IM (w/MPD approved training)

### PEDIATRIC DOSE:

ALS - 0.005 mg/kg