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Emergency Department Naloxone Kit Distribution – Medical Directive

Medical Advisory Committee Approved: 17DEC2019

Authorizing Prescriber(s)

All Lakeridge Health Emergency Department Physicians

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Authorized to Emergency Department regulated health care professionals (RHCP) and Physician Assistants (PA) who are employees of Lakeridge Health and who have reviewed the Naloxone Kit Distribution Policy and Procedures and completed the Take Home Naloxone Kit Distribution uLearn or equivalent CPL/delegate education.

Patient Description/Population

Patients who are taking opioids, use substances including opioids, are at risk or have experienced opioid overdose (OD), or are most likely to witness an OD.

Order and/or Procedure

Distribute one Take-Home Naloxone Kit containing 2 doses of naloxone 4 mg nasal spray following the Naloxone Kit Distribution Policy and Procedures ([link policy](#)).

Note: Naloxone nasal spray is the preferred option for Take-Home Naloxone Kits; however, in the event of a shortage, naloxone injection may be supplied by Pharmacy or Public Health. Follow the same procedure above.

Indications to the Implementation of the Directive

Patient meets any one of the following criteria, have:

- Received emergency medical care due to opioid toxicity or misuse
- Been prescribed opioids, methadone or buprenorphine
- Voluntarily requested a Naloxone Kit
- A history of opioid or recreational drug use

Contraindications to the Implementation of the Directive

If the patient has a known sensitivity to naloxone or one of its ingredients.

Consent

Consent will be obtained prior to distributing a Take-Home Naloxone Kit to patient and education is provided.



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Documentation Requirements

In addition to standard documentation, ensure the Naloxone Kit Distribution Record (CRX7054) is completed. Original copy to stay on patient's chart with one copy to pharmacy.

Review/Evaluation Process

Every 2 years by the Emergency Program

References

Adapt Pharma. Narcan Nasal Spray. <https://www.narcan.com/>

Brant Community Healthcare System. Naloxone Distribution Policy. July 2017

Bluewater Health. Provision of Naloxone for Individuals at High Risk for Opioid Overdose Medical Directive Order Set. 8/5/17