



Section 13: Appendix 1: Medications

NALOXONE (NARCAN)

Pregnancy Category - C

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A	AEMT	A
P	PARAMEDIC	P

ACTIONS	Blocks opiates from acting on opiate receptors
INDICATIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Respiratory depression due to opioids 2. Altered mental status of unknown origin
CONTRAINDICATIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Known hypersensitivity
PRECAUTIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assist ventilations prior to and while waiting for Naloxone (Narcan) to work 2. Should be used and titrated to desired respiratory effect, and not intended to restore full consciousness 3. Naloxone (Narcan) may induce acute withdrawal in patients who are opiate dependant. Be prepared for a potentially combative patient 4. The effects of Naloxone (Narcan) do not usually last as long as the effects of opiates, therefore subsequent doses may need to be administered 5. Withdrawal may cause: pain, hypertension, agitation, irritability, and diaphoresis
SIDE EFFECTS	Narcotic withdrawal
SUPPLIED	2 mg / 2 ml prefilled syringe
ADULT DOSAGE	<p>2 mg IVP / IO may be repeated at 2 mg IVP/IO as needed to maintain respiratory effort. 6-10 mg may be needed to reverse respiratory depression.</p> <p>2 mg IN Atomized. Max Dose = 1 ml in each nostril. Max dose 4 mg IN</p> <p>EMT</p> <p>2 mg IN Atomized. Max Dose = 1 ml in each nostril. Max dose 4 mg IN</p>
PEDIATRIC DOSAGE	<p>0.1 mg / kg IVP / IM / IN Atomized may be repeated as needed to maintain respiratory effort</p> <p>See <u>PEDIATRIC DRUG ADMINISTRATION CHART</u> for weight based administration</p>
PROTOCOL USE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult Altered Level Of Consciousness • Neonatal Resuscitation • Pediatric Altered Level Of Consciousness • Pediatric Head Trauma