

Dispensing Naloxone:

New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Standing Order

Naloxone can be dispensed to anyone who requests it, including:

- Any individual who is at risk of experiencing an opioid-related overdose
- Any family member, friend, or other person who may assist an individual at risk for an opioid-related overdose

Pharmacists may also opt to conduct a risk assessment to identify additional patients to offer naloxone.

The following factors increase overdose risk and may serve as screening criteria in a pharmacy context:

- Taking prescription pain relievers (e.g., Vicodin®, Percocet®) for more than three months
- Taking methadone or buprenorphine (aka Suboxone®) for treatment of opioid use disorder
- Having concurrent prescriptions for opioids and benzodiazepines
- Having experienced a previous non-fatal opioid overdose (if known)
- Having a family member or friend who meets any of the above

The following elements must be included with each prescription:

	Intranasal:	Intramuscular:	Evzio® Auto Injector:
Medication	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 x 2ml pre-filled Luer-Lock needleless syringe, 1mg/mL (NDC 76329-3369-1, order from Amphastar)	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 x 1 mL single-dose vials, 0.4mg/mL (NDC 0409-1215-01, order from Hospira)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 x two-pack Evzio, 0.04mg/mL (NDC 60842-030-01, order from Kaleo)
Required Devices	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 x Intranasal Mucosal Atomizing Device (MAD 300, order from Teleflex (866-246-6990) or Safety Works Inc. (800-723-3892))	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 x Intramuscular (IM) syringe, 3ml, 25 G, 1 inch	N/A
Patient Handout	<input type="checkbox"/> Opioid Safety and How to Use Naloxone (or adapted materials)	<input type="checkbox"/> Opioid Safety and How to Use Naloxone (or adapted materials)	<input type="checkbox"/> Opioid Safety and How to Use Naloxone (or adapted materials)

Prescription labels must include:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Name of recipient/patient <input type="checkbox"/> Prescriber name: Mary T. Bassett, MD <input type="checkbox"/> Naloxone formulation and concentration <input type="checkbox"/> Date dispensed <input type="checkbox"/> Refills: 12 (recommended) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Below terms: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ “Dispensed per standing order” ○ “Use as directed” ○ “Trained opioid overdose responder” |
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Every patient should be given the patient handout (Opioid Safety and How to Use Naloxone) and be educated on:

- **Naloxone overview** (opioid antagonist, works in 2-5 minutes, lasts 30-90 minutes, safe)
- **Risk Factors of overdose/opioid emergency** (using alone, mixing substances, changes in tolerance)
- **Signs of an overdose/opioid emergency** (Unconscious, slow or stopped breathing, blue fingernails/lips)
- **Overdose response steps** (call 911, how to administer naloxone, stay with person)
- **Additional info** (share info with family/friends, get refills, store at room temp away from light, 911 Good Samaritan Law)
- **OASAS HOPEline referral information: OASAS HOPEline – call 1-877-8-HOPENY (1-877-846-7369), text HOPENY (467369) or visit <http://www.oasas.ny.gov/accesshelp/>**

Refills and Reporting

- If a patient reports using naloxone, fill out the electronic *Pharmacy Overdose Reversal Reporting Form* and submit online (accessible by visiting nyc.gov/health and searching for “Pharmacy Naloxone”)
- Forms can also be downloaded and sent to: pharmacynaloxone@health.nyc.gov or 347.396.8889 (fax)
- Repeat patient training is not necessary for individuals requesting a naloxone refill if they demonstrate knowledge of overdose prevention and naloxone administration

Billing

- Some insurance plans cover naloxone; check patients coverage and dispense based on coverage and preference
- If a patient cannot afford naloxone and/or copay, direct him or her to the listing of programs in NYC, where naloxone can be accessed for free: www.health.ny.gov/overdose

Required Forms and additional resources are available by visiting nyc.gov/health and searching for “Pharmacy Naloxone”