Let’s make a difference: Naloxone

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Learning Objectives

• Illustrate proper use of naloxone formulations
• Review Good Samaritan law and how it relates to naloxone administration
• Discuss accessibility of naloxone in Alabama
• Explain and provide examples of the dangers when handling unknown drugs and interacting with those with OUD
Narcan Stops Opioid Overdoses. How Do You Use It?
THERE ARE MULTIPLE TYPES OF NALOXONE
Talk with the pharmacist to decide which is the best fit for you
Myths vs Facts

✓ Myth – Giving someone naloxone will make them more likely to overdose
✓ Myth – Naloxone prevents those with opioid use disorder from seeking treatment
✓ Myth – Only a doctor can prescribe Naloxone
✓ Myth – Naloxone can cause people to become violent
✓ Myth – Naloxone administration can cause a heart attack or stroke
Who Should Have Naloxone?

• Anyone with a history of opioid use disorder, actively in treatment, or in a 12 step program
• Anyone who has opioid in the home
• Businesses, places of worship, public facilities or schools that may serve any of the first two groups
What are the Symptoms of Opioid Overdose?

• In some victims, symptoms may evolve slowly over hours
• People who have been on opioids chronically may have slower onset of symptoms
• Symptoms should be treated as any other medical emergency – call 911
Standing Order and Good Samaritan

• **HB208** was signed into law in 2015 and provided immunity for prescribing and administering an opioid antagonist, such as naloxone
  • This is commonly known as a "Good Samaritan Law"

• In 2016, **HB379** was signed into law, providing the State Health Officer or a county health officer the authority to write a standing order for dispensing naloxone
  • This is the law that allows Naloxone to be purchased without a prescription
Good Samaritan Overdose Immunity Laws

States with overdose immunity laws

STATES WITH LAYPERSON ACCESS TO OVERDOSE REVERSAL MEDICATION
How Can I Obtain Naloxone?

- Prescription
  - Covered by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama
  - Medicaid of Alabama
  - Other insurers – have to check each insurer for individual regulations

- Purchase without a Prescription at most pharmacies
  - Suggest checking that it is in stock
  - Ask about pricing and for type that is in stock –
  - Pricing can vary significantly between different suppliers
How is Naloxone Administered?
Precautions and Concerns

• Do not touch or recap needles!
• Call 911
• Follow basic CPR if the overdose victim is not breathing or is pulseless
• Use gloves if available
Additional Resources

• First Responder Training Video From ADPH - 
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RBWtgIUISf8&feature=youtu.be

• Community Training Video for Injection - 
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-DQBCnrAPBY

• Links to Resources on Naloxone:
  • https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/pharmacy/naloxone-dispensing.html
  • https://www.notonemorealabama.org/narcan--good-samaritan-law.html