



## INTRANASAL NALOXONE BY PUBLIC SAFETY FIRST RESPONDERS

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### I. AUTHORITY:

*California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Div 9, Chpt 1.5.*

### II. APPLICATION:

The purpose of this policy is to describe criteria for public safety first responder administration of naloxone hydrochloride in cases of suspected acute opioid overdose.

### III. NOTIFICATIONS:

- A. Upon approval of a public safety agency or department to administer naloxone in the field by Orange County EMS (OCEMS), the agency shall be listed in Policy #398.05.

### IV. PARTICIPANT CRITERIA:

- A. Public safety first responders working in OCEMS naloxone administration approved agencies or departments who have completed OCEMS-sanctioned First Responder Naloxone Training may administer naloxone in the field or jails by authority of the OCEMS Medical Director.
- B. Current certification in Basic Life Support (AHA, American Red Cross, or OCEMS approved equivalent) is required of any public safety first responder approved for administration of naloxone.

### V. APPROVED DEPARTMENTS AND RESPONDING UNITS

- A. Orange County public safety agencies and departments approved for administration of naloxone will be identified by OCEMS.
- B. Those agencies or departments approved by OCEMS will determine deployment of naloxone capability within their jurisdictions.

### VI. TRAINING

- A. Training shall consist of a one-hour presentation prepared by OCEMS which shall cover:
  - 1. Background information on opioid use and abuse
  - 2. Definition of opioids
  - 3. Signs and symptoms of overdose
  - 4. Reversal of opioids using naloxone
  - 5. Emergency field treatment of the opioid overdose patient
  - 6. Mechanism of drug action of naloxone
  - 7. Dosing and Administration of intranasal naloxone
  - 8. Potential side effects of naloxone administration and reversal of opioids.
  - 9. Safety, medical asepsis, and personal protective equipment measures
- B. Training will include a written examination and instructor demonstration and participant return demonstration of the administration of intranasal naloxone.

### VII. PROCEDURE

- A. Perform the procedure when indicated according to First Responder Standing Order SO-FR-001.

### VIII. DATA COLLECTION

- A. EMS personnel shall document the "prior to arrival" administration of naloxone by public safety first responders.



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- B. Participating Public Safety Agencies will maintain records of all deployments of naloxone which shall be available to OCEMS upon request.
- C. ERCs will be requested to provide basic disposition data as requested by OCEMS

**IX. SAFETY and MONITORING**

- A. Public safety first responder naloxone administration will be included into the OCEMS EMS Plan and evaluated and monitored within the OCEMS Quality Improvement and Process Improvement Program.
- B. Naloxone storage and rotation of expired medication will be done using pre-determined protocols and documentation developed by the participating public safety agencies.

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