



Date: 12 July 2017

To: All Arizona EMS First Responder Organizations
All Arizona Ground and Air Ambulance Organizations

Sub: Standing Order and Clinical Treatment Protocol for Suspected Opioid Overdose

Arizona Governor Doug Ducey declared a Public Health State of Emergency on June 5th, 2017 in response to the increase of opioid/opiate overdoses and deaths in the state. More than two Arizonans die every day from the misuse of opioids, with 790 deaths reported in 2016.

First Responders and EMCTs are uniquely positioned to impact this epidemic through their rapid administration of naloxone/Narcan[®]. We strongly urge all First Responders to receive appropriate training and become equipped to recognize opioid overdose and administer the life-saving intervention.

For those organizations/individuals with an Administrative Medical Director of record, you should follow your Medical Director's guidance in the training, equipping, and administration of naloxone/Narcan[®].

For those organizations/individuals that cannot obtain Administrative Medical Direction for an opioid overdose recognition and treatment program, The Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) authorizes you to purchase, carry, and administer naloxone/Narcan[®] to patients whom you suspect are experiencing an opioid overdose, provided that both (a) your agency's chief executive approves, and (b) you have received the appropriate training pursuant to A.R.S. § 36-2228.

Attached, please find two important documents that shall guide your organization's naloxone program:

1. Standing Order for the purchase of Naloxone signed by Dr. Cara Christ, ADHS Director, pursuant to A.R.S. § 36-2266 and A.R.S. § 36-2228.
2. Clinical Treatment Protocol to be used in patients with suspected Opioid Poisoning/Overdose pursuant to A.R.S. § 36-2266 and A.R.S. § 36-2228. This protocol was developed and approved by the Medical Direction Commission pursuant to A.R.S. § 36-2203.01(C).

Thank you for all of the work that you do each day to improve the health and wellness of all Arizonans.

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Cara Christ MD, MS
Director, Arizona Department of Health Services

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Terry Mullins MBA, MPH
Chief, Bureau of EMS and Trauma System



ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

STANDING ORDERS FOR NALOXONE

This standing order is issued by Dr. Cara Christ, MD MS (NPI #1639369036), Director of Arizona Department of Health Services. The standing order authorizes any Arizona-licensed pharmacist to dispense naloxone to any individual in accordance with the conditions of this order.

Dispense one of the three following naloxone products based on product availability and preference.

<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>For intranasal administration <u>Dispense:</u> NARCAN™ 4mg/0.1mL nasal spray <u>Sig:</u> Administer a single spray of Narcan in one nostril. Repeat after 3 minutes if no or minimal response. <u>Refills:</u> PRN x 1 year OR <u>Dispense:</u> 2mg/2mL single dose Luer-Jet prefilled syringe. Include 1 Luer-lock mucosal atomization device per dose dispensed. <u>Sig:</u> Spray 1 mL in each nostril. Repeat after 3 minutes if no or minimal response. <u>Refills:</u> PRN x 1 year</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>For intramuscular injection <u>Disp:</u> 0.4mg/mL in 1mL single dose vials. Include one 3cc, 23g, 1" syringe per dose dispensed. <u>Sig:</u> Inject 1mL IM in shoulder or thigh. Repeat after 3 minutes if no or minimal response. <u>Refills:</u> PRN x 1 year</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>For intramuscular or subcutaneous injection <u>Disp:</u> EVZIO™ 2mg/0.4mL auto-injector, #1 Two-pack <u>Sig:</u> Follow audio instructions from device. Place on thigh and inject 0.4mL. Repeat after 3 minutes if no or minimal response. <u>Refills:</u> PRN x one year</p>

Cara Christ, MD MS, Director of Arizona Department of Health Services

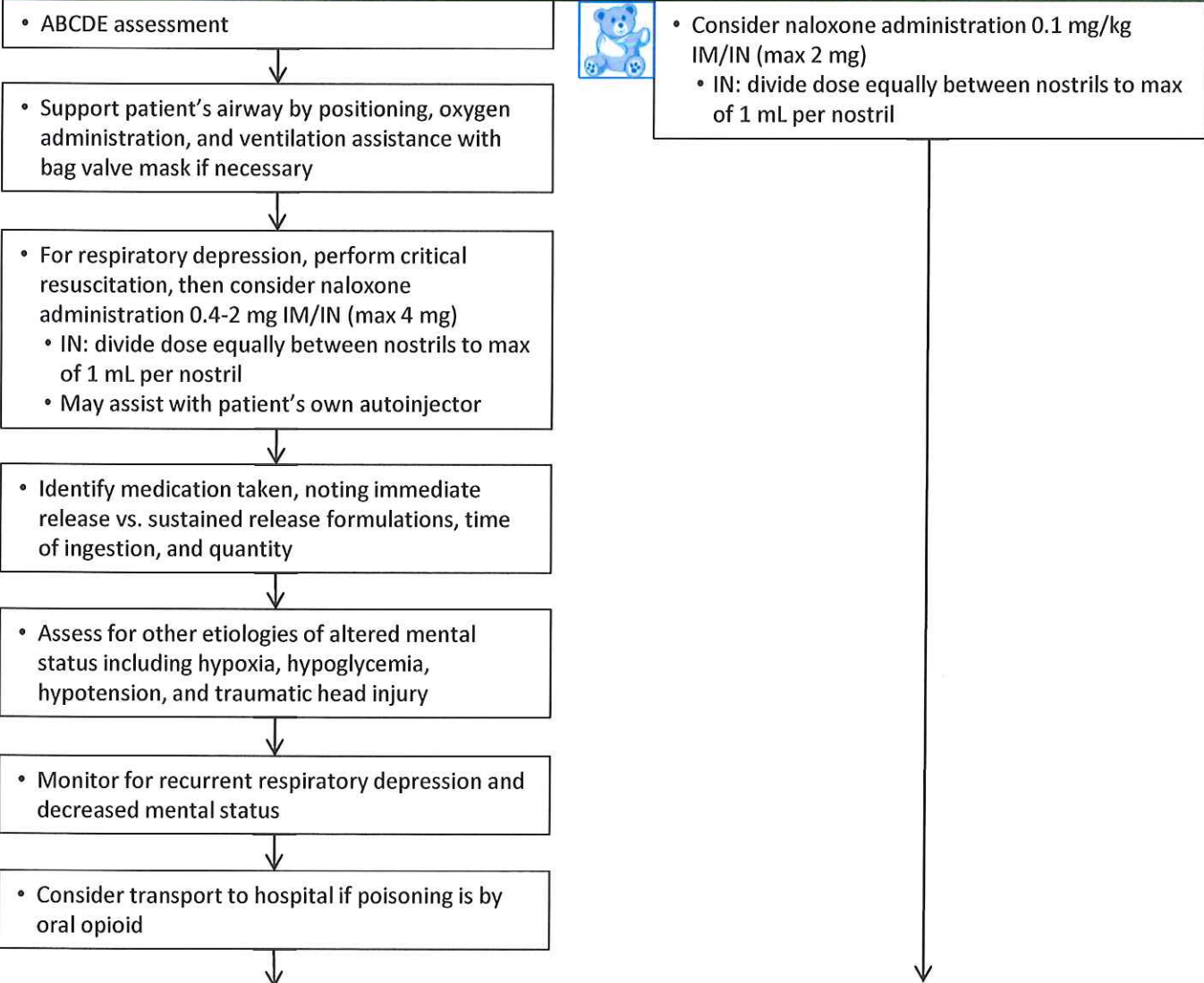
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Opioid Poisoning/Overdose: Adult & Pediatric

Includes patients of all ages with access to opioids and known or suspected opioid use or abuse.
Excludes patients with altered mental status exclusively from other causes (e.g. head injury, hypoxia, or hypoglycemia)

EMT



AEMT



EMT-I/Paramedic

