



Administering Naloxone

How do I administer naloxone?

Naloxone is administered as a nasal spray or via injection, depending on which of the following devices for which it has been prepared and with which it has been packaged.

Various administration options:

1. *Evzio auto-injector*

To use Evsio:

When ready to use the product,

1. Pull the product from its packaging
2. Pull off the red safety guard, being careful to not touch the black base of the injector
3. Place the black end against the middle of the patient's outer thigh and press firmly, holding for five seconds

2. *Narcan Nasal Spray*

Narcan Nasal Spray is the most recent FDA approved naloxone product. Narcan is very easy to use.

To use Narcan:

1. Peel back the packaging to remove the device
2. Place and hold the tip of the nozzle in either nostril until your fingers touch the bottom of the patient's nose
3. Press the plunger firmly to release the dose into the patient's nose

3. *Nasal atomizer (Luer-lock device)*

Nasal atomizers use a pre-filled cartridge of naloxone along with a nasal atomization device. This method also requires a white cone-shaped nosepiece that does not come in the same package as the medication. It is sold separately.

To use the nasal atomizer:

1. Fully assemble the atomizer and capsule
2. Insert the white cone into the person's nostril
3. Give a short vigorous push on the end of capsule to spray into the nose, using one half of its contents in each nostril

4. *Injection via syringe:*

Injecting into the muscle of the upper thigh or upper arm with a syringe also is a very common way to administer naloxone. Many naloxone kits come with a syringe and a vial or a pre-filled cartridge of naloxone. The shot can be administered through clothes.