

Confirm probability of Opiate Overdose

- Consider relevant patient data:
 History and surroundings
 Decreased Level of Responsiveness
 Absent or Faint Respirations
 Room Air SpO2 less than 92%
 Weak or absent Radial Pulse
 Bluish Skin / Cyanosis
 Pinpoint Pupils
- Prepare to administer 0.4 mg of Naloxone through Intramuscular Injection
- Repeat q3 minutes as needed to reverse respiratory depression
- Up to 4 doses maximum

• 2nd dose: 0.4 mg

• 3rd dose: 0.8 mg

• 4th dose: 2.0 mg

- Pediatric (<12 years)
 - 0.1mg/kg (max 0.4mg) per Dose

Total maximum of 2mg

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Prepare Injection Site with Alcohol Swab



Check Ampoule for clarity, dose and expiration

Open Ampoule by breaking off neck



Draw entire contents of Ampoule (0.4 mg) into Syringe





Hold the Syringe with the needle turned upwards

Slowly push the plunger until all the air has been emptied from the chamber and needle.



Pull the skin of the lateral Shoulder or Thigh to stretch the meaty part of the tissues.



Insert the needle at a 90-degree angle into the muscle.

Inject the medication from the Syringe into the muscle, using a smooth and steady motion.





Completely depress Plunger until Needle retracts.

Dispose of needle and Ampoule in Sharps Container.



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Monitor the patient and load for rapid transport if not already enroute

Patient may become combative

Ensure complete documentation as soon as practical