

Cleveland State University
Emergency Naloxone Cabinet P rocedures

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Clinical Pharmacology of Naloxone

- x Naloxone hydrochloride (naloxone) prevents or reverses the effects of opioids, including respiratory depression, sedation and hypotension.
- x Naloxone is an essentially pure opioid antagonist, i.e., it does not possess the “agonistic” or morphine -like properties characteristic of other opioid antagonists.
- x When administered in usual doses and in the absence of opioids or agonistic effects of other opioid antagonists, it exhibits essentially no pharmacologic activity.
- x Naloxone has not been shown to produce tolerance or cause physical or psychological dependence. However, in the presence of opioid dependence, opioid withdrawal symptoms may appear within minutes of naloxone administration and subside in about 2 hours.
- x Naloxone may not reverse overdose in all cases, such as when high doses of opioids or particularly potent opioids (e.g., fentanyl or carfentanil) have been consumed.

Indications for Use of Naloxone

Department of Health Services within a reasonable time of such access.

- x Contact information for the Department of Health Services shall be posted on each emergency Naloxone cabinet to facilitate such notification.
- x A Department of Environmental Health employee shall inspect each naloxone cabinet on campus at least once every thirty days to monitor whether the cabinets have been accessed or need replenished.
- x Any reported use or discovered missing naloxone or accompanying components will be replaced by the Department of Health Services within 48 hours of any such reported use or discovered missing components.
- x Any necessary repairs to an emergency use naloxone cabinet will be reported to The Cleveland State University Department of Physical Facilities
- x Cabinet Keys
 - o One set of keys to emergency use naloxone cabinets shall be maintained by the Department of Health Services
 - o One spare set of keys to emergency use naloxone cabinets shall be maintained by The Cleveland State University Police Department.