# What is an opioid overdose?

Opioids can cause bad reactions that make your breathing slow or even stop. This can happen if your body can't handle the opioids that you take that day.

# TO AVOID AN ACCIDENTAL OPIOID OVERDOSE:

- Try not to mix your opioids with alcohol, benzodiazepines (Xanax, Ativan, Klonopin, Valium), or medicines that make you sleepy.
- Be extra careful if you miss or change doses, feel ill, or start new medications.

# Now that you have naloxone...

Tell someone where it is and how to use it.

# Common opioids include:

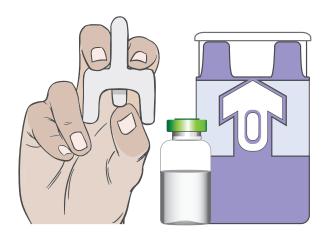
GENERIC	BRAND NAME
Hydrocodone	Vicodin, Lorcet, Lortab, Norco, Zohydro
Oxycodone	Percocet, OxyContin, Roxicodone, Percodan
Morphine	MSContin, Kadian, Embeda, Avinza
Codeine	Tylenol with Codeine, TyCo, Tylenol #3
Fentanyl	Duragesic, Actiq
Hydromorphone	Dilaudid
Oxymorphone	Opana
Meperidine	Demerol
Methadone	Dolophine, Methadose
Buprenorphine	Suboxone, Subutex, Zubsolv, Bunavail, Butrans

\* Heroin is also an opioid.

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# Opioid Safety and How to Use Naloxone



#### A GUIDE FOR PATIENTS AND CAREGIVERS

## In case of overdose:

### Check responsiveness

Look for any of the following:

- No response even if you shake them or say their name
- Breathing slows or stops
- Lips and fingernails turn blue or gray
- Skin gets pale or clammy

## 2 Call 911 and give naloxone

If no reaction in 3 minutes, give second naloxone dose

## 3 Do rescue breathing and/or chest compressions

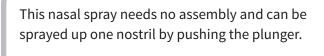
Follow 911 dispatcher instructions

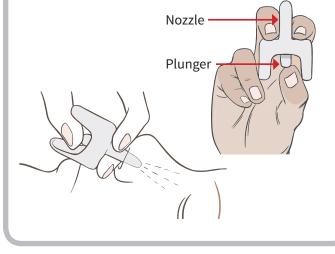
#### >> STAY WITH PERSON UNTIL HELP ARRIVES.

# How to give naloxone:

There are 3 common naloxone products. Follow the instructions for the type you have.

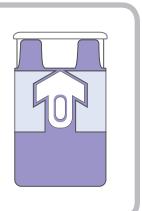
#### **Nasal spray**





### **Auto-injector**

The naloxone auto-injector needs no assembly and can be injected into the outer thigh, even through clothing. It contains a speaker that provides step-by-step instructions.



#### Injectable naloxone

This requires assembly. Follow the instructions below.

