



things to do in
recognizing
 and
responding
 to an
opiate/heroin
overdose
 using
naloxone



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naloxone:

is **not** a *Scheduled Drug* –
 it has no potential for abuse

can cause withdrawal in a
 person with a habit

withdrawal can harm
 someone

more than one shot may be
 needed to stop overdose

overdose may return when
 naloxone wears off
 (about one hour)

is also called Narcan®

is a pure antidote to opiates
 including heroin – it reverses
 the effects of heroin for about
 an hour

does not eliminate heroin

has no effects of its own
 using it without having opiates
 in you is like injecting water.

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about

Naloxone is a medication
 prescribed for the reversal of
 opiate intoxication. The person
 possessing naloxone has been
 trained in its safe usage and
 has demonstrated competency
 in managing opiate/heroin
 overdose situations.

This program is designed to
 reduce the nearly 500 opiate-
 related overdose deaths in
 Chicagoland each year. Your
 cooperation is appreciated.

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things to do with an **opiate/heroin overdose**



Stimulation

can they
 be awakened?



Call for help

if the person
 is not responsive



Airway

make sure nothing is inside the person's
 mouth stopping the breathing.



Rescue breathing

breathe for them –
 two quick breaths every five seconds



Evaluate

are they any better? can you get **naloxone**
 and prepare it quick enough that they won't
 go for too long without your breathing assistance?



Muscular injection

inject 1cc of naloxone into a muscle



Evaluate+support

Is the person breathing on their own?
 Is another dose of naloxone needed?
 Naloxone wears off in 30-90 minutes.
 Seek help and comfort him/her so he/she
 will not use any more drug until the naloxone
 wears off.

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