



# Hospital & Emergency Department Implementation Toolkit

The surge in opioid overdose deaths in the nation requires urgent action. According to the CDC, 107,375 people in the United States died of a drug overdose or drug poisoning in the 12-month period ending in January 2022, 67% of those deaths involved synthetic opioids like fentanyl.

As COVID-19 has occupied the nation's attention, the opioid crisis has continued to accelerate and overdose remains the number one killer of Americans under the age of 50.

The evidence is clear, one of the best proven interventions to address the overdose crisis is with the opioid overdose antidote, naloxone. Naloxone saves lives and has been recommended for wide distribution by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Surgeon General, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), American College of Emergency Physicians and leading medical organizations. Despite the well recognized benefits of naloxone, few states have taken the steps necessary to create a reliable, durable system for naloxone distribution.

Hospitals, clinicians and organizations are stepping forward with an initiative that is the first of its kind. The Naloxone Project aims to make every state in which every hospital and Emergency Department (ED) systematically identifies patients at-risk of opioid overdose and sends them home with naloxone in hand.

The Naloxone Project has already been fully implemented in Colorado . Where over 90% of hospitals and emergency departments dispense naloxone, and where payment reform has made naloxone reimbursable to hospitals. Our mission is to mirror that success in all 50 states!

The Naloxone Project has been in development for over three years and holds the promise to help reverse the surge in opioid overdose deaths and make The Naloxone Project a national leader in efforts to address the opioid and overdose crisis.

## Toolkit Resources

### The Naloxone Project

- ▶ [The Naloxone Project overview](#)
- ▶ [6 principles of systematic change](#)
- ▶ [Hospital enrollment form](#)

## Health Systems

- ▶ [Website, Facebook, Twitter](#)- social media accounts
- ▶ [Data Collection and Submission Manual](#)
  - [Codes for at-risk patients](#)
- ▶ [Program development checklist](#)
- ▶ CO's CURE [2019 Hospital Overdose Education & Naloxone Distribution Guidelines](#)
- ▶ [Naloxone take-home kits PowerPoint for key stakeholder](#)

## Clinicians

- ▶ [Naloxone nasal spray take-home kits dispensing guidelines](#)
- ▶ [Naloxone nasal spray take-home kits process tip sheet](#)
- ▶ [Naloxone injectable take-home kits process tip sheet](#)
- ▶ [Naloxone take-home kits huddle notes](#)
- ▶ [How long to observe patients after OD](#)
- ▶ Winning conversations: How to speak to patients about opioids, overdose and opioid use disorders
  - [Talking to patients: guide for clinicians](#)
  - [Let's talk about naloxone](#)

### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- ▶ CO's CURE [2019 Hospital Overdose Education & Naloxone Distribution Guidelines](#)
- ▶ [Educational PowerPoint for staff training](#)
- ▶ [National Institute on Drug Abuse](#) (treatment of OUD resource center).

## Patients

- ▶ Educational Handouts:
  - [Guide to using naloxone after opioid overdose](#)
  - [Guide to preventing overdose in people who inject drugs](#)
  - [Guide to naloxone for patients with chronic pain](#)
  - [Guide to your take-home naloxone kit](#)



- [Narcan quick start guide \(English\)](#)
- [Narcan quick start guide \(Spanish\)](#)

► Other Patient Education Handouts:

- [Injecting drugs safely](#)
- [Opioid Use Disorder - facts & treatment](#)
- [Safe storage and disposal of opioids](#)
- [Risks of opioids](#)
- [How does naloxone work: ACEP trifold](#)

► Finding Treatment - Opioid Treatment Program Locator Directories

- [SAMSHA's Opioid treatment program directory](#)  
Find programs providing medications (methadone, buprenorphine, suboxone , vivitrol, antabuse, naltrexone, naloxone, narcan) for the treatment of opioid addiction around the country.
- [SAMHSA's Buprenorphine physician and treatment program locator](#)  
Find physicians and treatment programs providing buprenorphine for opioid addiction (heroin or pain relievers) state by state.



For videos on how to use naloxone, scan this QR code or visit [naloxoneproject.com](http://naloxoneproject.com)

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