



Outpatient Clinic Implementation Toolkit

The surge in opioid overdose deaths in the nation requires urgent action. According to the Colorado State Department of Public Health and Environment, 1,799 people in Colorado died of a drug overdose or drug poisoning in 2022.

In 2023, 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 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), the 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, clinics, clinicians, and organizations are stepping forward with an initiative that is the first of its kind. The Colorado Naloxone Project (CNP), launched in 2021 and quickly recruited hospitals and emergency departments throughout Colorado to become naloxone distribution sites. Since then, CNP has received feedback from many Colorado clinics requesting naloxone for uninsured patients, underinsured patients, those with poor access to healthcare, and patients at risk of opioid overdose.

The Outpatient Clinic Naloxone Program is a direct response to those calls. With a focus on supporting rural and high-risk populations, this program seeks to expand equitable access to naloxone for all Coloradans.

CNP is committed to providing naloxone to clinics and partners. Thank you for your commitment to patient care and helping decrease overdose deaths in your community.

Toolkit Resources

The Naloxone Project

- ▶ [Clinic one-pager](#)
- ▶ [Clinic enrollment form](#)

Health Systems/Clinics

- ▶ [Website, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram](#)- social media accounts
- ▶ [Data Collection and Submission Manual](#)
- ▶ [Program development checklist](#)
- ▶ [Naloxone take-home kits PowerPoint for key stakeholders](#)



Clinicians

- ▶ [Outpatient Clinic Naloxone take-home kits distribution guidelines](#)
- ▶ [Outpatient Clinic Naloxone take-home kits tip sheet](#)
- ▶ [Outpatient Clinic Naloxone take-home kits huddle notes](#)
- ▶ [Naloxone Opt-Out Program for Clinic Patients](#)
- ▶ 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

- ▶ [Provider Education Consortium 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:
 - [Preventing accidental overdose: a guide to using naloxone](#)
 - [Guide to preventing overdose in people who inject drugs](#)
 - [Guide to naloxone for patients with chronic pain](#)
 - [Narcan quick start guide \(English\)](#)
 - [Narcan quick start guide \(Spanish\)](#)
- ▶ Other Patient Education Handouts:
 - [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.



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