

# Naloxone Training and Resources for Pharmacists

## Background

As of October 6, 2017, naloxone training is not required, although it is recommended that a healthcare professional or pharmacist have basic education on naloxone and overdose. As required [per rule](#), a pharmacist must offer to provide patient counseling prior to dispensing naloxone.



## General Resources

- [Pharmacist's Role in Dispensing Naloxone](#) - This CDC factsheet provides details on the importance of the Pharmacist's role in naloxone dispensing.
- [Prescribe to Prevent](#) - Here you will find information you need to start prescribing and dispensing naloxone (Narcan) rescue kits, including some useful resources containing further information about this life-saving medicine.
- [Respond to Prevent](#) - The RESPOND TO PREVENT program provides training, resources, and tools to improve the quality and success rate of naloxone offers by community pharmacies.
- [Save Lives Oregon](#) - Save Lives Oregon is a movement for organizations on the front lines of overdose prevention in Oregon and Tribal communities.
- [Advisory on Naloxone](#) – Advisory from the U.S. Surgeon General , Jerome Adams, emphasizing importance of the overdose reversal drug, naloxone.
- [Naloxone Dosage and Compassionate Opioid Overdose Reversal](#) – Slide deck from the Washington State Department of Health on how naloxone works, details the different formulations and the recommended option, and provides guidance on effective, compassionate opioid overdose reversal.

## Continuing Professional Education (CPE)

**\*Although certification is not required for Oregon pharmacists to prescribe naloxone, the following resources are available for those seeking continuing pharmacy education (CPE):**

- [Pharmacy Learning Assistance Network \(ACPE\)](#) - Utilize this nationwide database to locate ACPE approved CPE on a specific topic (e.g., opioids, substance use disorder).
- [Naloxone Rescue: The Pharmacist's Role](#) - (Cost \$25, 1 Credit) - To provide pharmacists with the knowledge and skills to identify risk factors for drug abuse and overdose and incorporate naloxone rescue kits into community pharmacy practice.
- [R.E.S.P.O.N.D. Toolkit](#) - (Cost \$30, 2 credits) Resources Encouraging Safe Prescription Opioid and Naloxone Dispensing (RESPOND) is intended to help community pharmacists identify patients for whom an opioid prescription may present a safety risk, communicate more effectively with patients at the point of care, and coordinate with prescribers to maximize patient safety in the use of prescription opioid pain relievers.
- [Naloxone for Opioid Overdoses: A Life-Saving Intervention](#) - (Cost \$4.95) This activity is for pharmacy technicians and is sponsored by Postgraduate Healthcare Education, LLC (PHE). This activity will discuss the use of naloxone for opioid overdoses, including its mechanism of action, dosage forms, administration, and the necessary precautions while giving naloxone to a person who has overdosed.

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## Resources for Patients

- [Naloxone Training](#) - Reversing opioid overdoses with lifesaving naloxone.
- [Oregon Good Samaritan Law](#) - In Oregon, the Good Samaritan Law protects individuals from civil liability when administering naloxone during an opioid overdose or providing other emergency assistance in good faith.
- [Reverse Overdose Oregon](#) - Learn how and where to purchase naloxone in Oregon and access training tools for you individually or for a team.
- [CDC Podcast Lifesaving Naloxone](#) – A CDC podcast on the effectiveness and importance of carrying naloxone to reverse opioid overdoses.
- [Where you can buy OTC Narcan](#) – Where NARCAN® Nasal Spray can be purchased online from various retailers or found at local stores.

## Free or Reduced Naloxone Access

- [Max's Mission](#) - A nonprofit organization, Max's Mission offers free overdose education and naloxone distribution at regularly scheduled events in Jackson and Josephine Counties where free naloxone is distributed.
- [Project Red Initiative](#) - Project RED works across Oregon to distribute free naloxone, overdose prevention supplies, education, and trainings to those facing barriers to access.
- [Oregon County Service Summary](#) - This document provides county-specific snapshots of overdose-related services and projects across Oregon. This includes information about Oregon's community-based organizations which provide naloxone access, in addition to referrals, case management, and health services.

## Signage

- [Narcan Nasal Spray – Summary Sheet for Pharmacists](#): Narcan signage from AdaptPharma.
- [Prevent and Protect Patient Posters](#): These customizable posters can be downloaded as a PowerPoint file and printed for a wide variety of uses.
- [University of Waterloo Naloxone Posters, Cards, and Checklists](#) - Naloxone and opioid resources developed by the School of Pharmacy at the University of Waterloo, includes counseling checklists, posters and cards, and FAQ one-pagers.