



NALOXONE (NARCAN®, EVZIO®)

KEY FACTS

- About 48,000 drug overdose deaths in the U.S. involved opioids in 2017.
- According to the CDC, prescriptions for naloxone doubled from 2017 to 2018, even then only one naloxone prescription was dispensed for every 70 high-dose opioid prescriptions.

GEORGIA KEY FACTS

- At least two Georgians die daily from opioid-involved overdoses.
- From 2010 to 2018, the number of opioid-involved overdose deaths increased by 70%.
- In 2018, more than 800 Georgians died from an opioid overdose.
- EMS transports an average of 20 patients with a suspected opioid overdose every day.

NALOXONE is a medicine that temporarily stops the effect of opioids. This helps a person start breathing again and wake up from an opioid overdose. Naloxone (the generic name) is also sold under the brand names Narcan® and Evzio®. There are three types of naloxone available: injectable; auto-injectable; and prepackaged nasal spray.

In Georgia, you can purchase naloxone from your pharmacist without a prescription from your doctor. Not all pharmacies carry naloxone, so call ahead to determine if your pharmacy stocks naloxone.

For instructions on how to administer naloxone, please visit: <https://harmreduction.org/issues/overdose-prevention/overview/overdose-basics/responding-to-opioid-overdose/administer-naloxone/>

PREVENTING OVERDOSES

Georgia clinicians are encouraged to co-prescribe naloxone to at-risk patients who:

- Receive high-dose opioid prescriptions
- Take opioids with benzodiazepines
- Have a history of substance use disorder
- Misuse prescription opioids
- Use illicit drugs--either opioids or drugs potentially contaminated with opioids

SIGNS OF AN OVERDOSE

- Unresponsive, unable to wake up
- Awake, but unable to speak
- Limp body
- Face is pale or clammy
- Pinpoint pupils
- Blue fingernails and lips
- Blue, purple or gray skin tone
- Slow, shallow, erratic or **no** breathing
- Slow, erratic or **no** pulse
- Choking sounds or snore-like gurgling (sometimes called “death rattle”)

GEORGIA'S 9-1-1 MEDICAL AMNESTY LAW

If you witness or suspect an overdose, Georgia law protects you. **Don't run. Call 9-1-1.** Stay with the person until help arrives.

TALK TO SOMEONE ABOUT OPIOID MISUSE

- CARES Warm Line: 1-844-326-5400 (Call or Text)
- Georgia Crisis & Access Line: 1-800-715-4225
- FindTreatment.gov