

# LOS ANGELES GENERAL MEDICAL CENTER POLICY

Subject: <b>NALOXONE PER PHARMACY</b>		Original Issue Date: 7/19/19 Supersedes: 7/19/19	Policy # <b>MC952</b> Effective Date: 2/2/23
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## PURPOSE

To expand Naloxone (Narcan®) access to patients. This policy is for expansion of patient care and to help bridge the gap to access of Naloxone.

## POLICY

This increase access will allow patients that are taking a CII narcotic to get access to Naloxone prescription from the OPD and CT pharmacies at Los Angeles General Medical Center. If a patient would like to receive a Naloxone prescription with their narcotic CII medication, they must request it from the pharmacy. This program will allow patients that are concerned with overdose to have the tools that are needed to care for themselves and those around them.

## PROCEDURE

Pharmacy will display signage advertising for patients with a CII narcotic that they would be able to request a Naloxone to be filled with their CII narcotic. Once a patient requests the Naloxone, the pharmacists will:

1. Review the patient profile to assure no allergies to naloxone,
2. Print out the CII narcotic prescription and add the Naloxone to the prescription.

A message will be sent to the provider in Orchid letting them know that patient has requested the Naloxone and it will be added to the order.

The Naloxone prescription will be for Naloxone 4mg/0.1ml Nasal Spray and have the DHS standard patient instruction:

- CALL 911. GIVE 1 SPRAY IN 1 NOSTRIL FOR OPIOID OVERDOSE. MAY REPEAT IN 2 MINUTES IF NOT BREATHING.

For naloxone purchased by the LAC/USC Medical Center, An attempt to bill the Naloxone will be made by the pharmacy utilizing the Medi-cal Carve Out system or the patient's actual insurance company. If the naloxone is procured without charge, the naloxone will be provided to the patient without charge.

When dispensing CII narcotic and Naloxone, consultation pharmacists will do a complete detailed consultation of both Opioid and Naloxone (as specified in by state board of pharmacy). Language specific consultation sheets are available by the California board of pharmacy at the following websites

- a. English - [https://pharmacy.ca.gov/publications/naloxone\\_fact\\_sheet.pdf](https://pharmacy.ca.gov/publications/naloxone_fact_sheet.pdf)

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- b. Spanish - [https://pharmacy.ca.gov/publications/naloxone\\_patient\\_flyer\\_spanish.pdf](https://pharmacy.ca.gov/publications/naloxone_patient_flyer_spanish.pdf)
- c. Chinese - [https://pharmacy.ca.gov/publications/naloxone\\_patient\\_flyer\\_chinese.pdf](https://pharmacy.ca.gov/publications/naloxone_patient_flyer_chinese.pdf)
- d. Korean - [https://pharmacy.ca.gov/publications/naloxone\\_patient\\_flyer\\_korean.pdf](https://pharmacy.ca.gov/publications/naloxone_patient_flyer_korean.pdf)
- e. Russian - [https://pharmacy.ca.gov/publications/naloxone\\_patient\\_flyer\\_russian.pdf](https://pharmacy.ca.gov/publications/naloxone_patient_flyer_russian.pdf)
- f. Tagalog - [https://pharmacy.ca.gov/publications/naloxone\\_patient\\_flyer\\_tagalog.pdf](https://pharmacy.ca.gov/publications/naloxone_patient_flyer_tagalog.pdf)
- g. Vietnamese - [https://pharmacy.ca.gov/publications/naloxone\\_patient\\_flyer\\_vietnamese.pdf](https://pharmacy.ca.gov/publications/naloxone_patient_flyer_vietnamese.pdf)

**REVISION DATES**

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