



**CORRECTIONS MEDICINE**  
**Distribution of Nasal Naloxone for Patients**  
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- I. **PURPOSE:** To provide patients who may be at risk of opioid overdose upon discharge with life-saving medications.
  
- II. **POLICY:** All patients shall be offered a nasal naloxone kit that includes two (2) doses of nasal naloxone and resource information regarding risk reduction and treatment programs for opioid use disorder. Corrections Medicine nursing staff shall maintain distribution logs to track naloxone kits distributed or used in the Buzz Westfall Justice Center.
  
- III. **RESPONSIBILITY:** All staff working in the Corrections Medicine program are responsible for the content of this policy and procedure as well as adherence to the policy.
  
- IV. **PROCEDURE:**
  - 1. All Corrections Medicine nurses shall receive training on the distribution of nasal naloxone.
  
  - 2. There shall be informational posters posted throughout the Buzz Westfall Justice Center that offer patients information regarding obtaining naloxone upon release.
  
  - 3. All patients are eligible to receive a naloxone kit upon release if they request it. The kit includes two doses of naloxone, a one-way breathing mask, instructions for administration, a list of resources for treatment programs and recovery community centers, and additional information about overdose education.
  
  - 4. In addition to patients who request a naloxone kit on release, naloxone will specifically be offered to the following patients:
    - a. All patients in the Choices Program
  
    - b. All patients in the medication-assisted treatment program
  
  - 5. When a patient is referred for naloxone or requests naloxone:
    - a. The nurse in Intake shall complete the information on the distribution log for each patient.
  
    - b. The nurse shall reinforce administration instructions and inform the patient about what is included in the kit.
  
    - c. The nurse shall document information in the electronic medical record regarding education and distribution of the kit by choosing the Nursing Care Pathway Document a statement regarding education and distribution of naloxone.

6. Naloxone will be kept on all crash carts. Nurses will administer naloxone to patients who are suspected of opiate overdose by following the *CM-21 Administration of Nasal Naloxone for Suspected Overdose* and *Standing Orders for Administration of Nasal Naloxone*.