

Provider tips: Initiating Naloxone with your patients on chronic opioids

Prepare in advance:

Familiarize yourself with covered Naloxone formulations

Baylor Scott & White Health Plan/FirstCare Health Plans Formulary Status		
Naloxone Product	Formulary List	Tier
Naloxone Injection (generic) 0.4mg/ml single dose vial	Group Value and Group Choice, EHB	\$0 copay
	Medicare	Tier 2 G
Naloxone Injection (generic) 2mg/2ml prefilled syringe	Group Value and Group Choice, EHB	\$0 copay
	Medicare	Tier 3 PB
Naloxone Nasal Spray (generic Narcan) 4mg/0.1ml	Group Value and Group Choice, EHB	\$0 copay
	Medicare	Tier 3 PB
Kloxxado Nasal Spray 8mg/0.1ml	Group Value and Group Choice, Medicare	Non-formulary
	EHB	Tier 2 PB
Zimhi 5mg prefilled syringe	Group Value and Group Choice, EHB, Medicare	Non-formulary

EHB=Essential Health Benefits; Tier 2 G=generic for Medicare; Tier 3 PB=preferred brand for Medicare; Tier 2 PB=preferred brand for EHB.

Recognize candidates for Naloxone:

Total MMED \geq 50, use of long-acting opioids, or opioids co-prescribed with sedatives, muscle relaxants, benzodiazepines, gabapentin, or pregabalin

Have a conversation starter ready with non-judgmental and non-blaming language:

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) offers full 1.5 hour CME "[Talking About Naloxone](#)"; also available as a focused two-page [conversation starter](#).

Educate on Naloxone administration and provide additional resources as needed.

Utilize clinical decision support tools in electronic medical record (i.e., Naloxone Best Practice Advisory or BPA):

BPA identifies candidates and assists with ordering Naloxone

BestPractice Advisory -

High Priority (1)

ⓘ Opioid Overdose Risk: Consider Co-Prescribing Naloxone

Naloxone is indicated if total MMED is greater than or equal to 50, if using long-acting opioids, or if opioids are co-prescribed with sedatives, muscle relaxants, benzodiazepines, gabapentin, or pregabalin.

Adult Patients: Consider naloxone nasal spray
Pediatric Patients: Consider weight-based naloxone dosing with appropriate care-giver education. [UpToDate](#)

Order	Do Not Order	🏠 naloxone (NARCAN) Nasal Spray 4 mg (2 pack) - Adult Dose
Order	Do Not Order	🏠 naloxone (Generic) 0.4 mg/mL injection vial - Adult Dose
Order	Do Not Order	🏠 naloxone (Generic) 0.4 mg/mL injection vial - Pediatric Dose

Acknowledge Reason _____

Doesn't meet criteria See comments

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Add Epic patient education to the After Visit Summary (AVS)

- When a provider prescribes an opioid or naloxone, the Patient Instructions page (already required) shows specific patient education to add to the AVS as shown.
- When Epic shows the patient language preference is information in Spanish or Vietnamese, the list will automatically show patient education in their preferred language (not shown).

Patient Instructions

Attach reference + Add Clinical References

Mammogram Schedule 1 *BSWH ASTHMA ACTION PLAN 2 **Opioid Education 3**

BSWH AMB OPIOID EDUCATION TO AVS LIST -

- MANAGING PAIN WITHOUT OPIOIDS (ENGLISH)
- NALOXONE INJECTION (ENGLISH)
- NALOXONE NASAL SPRAY (ENGLISH)
- OPIOID OVERDOSE (ENGLISH)
- OPIOID PAIN MEDICINE MANAGEMENT (ENGLISH)
- OPIOID PAIN MEDICINE MANAGEMENT EASY-TO-READ (ENGLISH)
- OPIOID USE DISORDER (ENGLISH)
- OPIOID WITHDRAWAL (ENGLISH)
- OPIOID WITHDRAWAL TREATMENT (ENGLISH)
- PAIN MANAGEMENT IN ADULTS BSWH (ENGLISH)
- PRESCRIPTION DRUG MISUSE INFORMATION (ENGLISH)
- SUPPORTING SOMEONE WITH AN ADDICTION (ENGLISH)
- TAKING OPIOIDS SAFELY AT HOME BSWH (ENGLISH)
- TAKING OPIOIDS SAFELY IN THE HOSPITAL BSWH (ENGLISH)

Resources:

CDC [“Talking About Naloxone”](#) CME available.

[Introduction to Naloxone for People Taking Prescribed Opioids](#) - YouTube (YouTube video by the Veterans Health Administration)

[Overdose Prevention Resources](#) - National Harm Reduction Coalition

[PrescribeToPrevent - Prescribe Naloxone, Save a Life](#) (prescribetoprevent.org)

[What is Naloxone?](#) - SAMHSA