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Access the following websites for more resources on the ORP and how to prevent opiate overdoses with Narcan:

- [www.prescribetoprevent.org](http://www.prescribetoprevent.org) includes further patient instructions on naloxone administration.
- The DHMH website contains information on where to find ORP training sites and ORP training materials:  
<http://adaa.dhmh.maryland.gov/NALOXONE/SitePages/Home.aspx>

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# Prevent Overdoses: Prescribe Naloxone

What you need to know about the DHMH's Overdose Response Program (ORP) and naloxone prescriptions





## What is the ORP?

The Overdose Response Program (ORP) is a program designed by the DHMH to train community members to do the following:

- Identify opiate overdoses
- Know how to use naloxone in the setting of an overdose
- Administer naloxone when medically appropriate

### Who should participate in the ORP?

- Anyone over the age of 18 is eligible
- Anyone currently receiving methadone
- Anyone with an opiate prescription
- Anyone with a history of opiate abuse
- Anyone suspected of using opiates for nonmedical reasons
- Anyone with close contacts (e.g., family members, friends, housemates) who are using opiates
- Volunteers

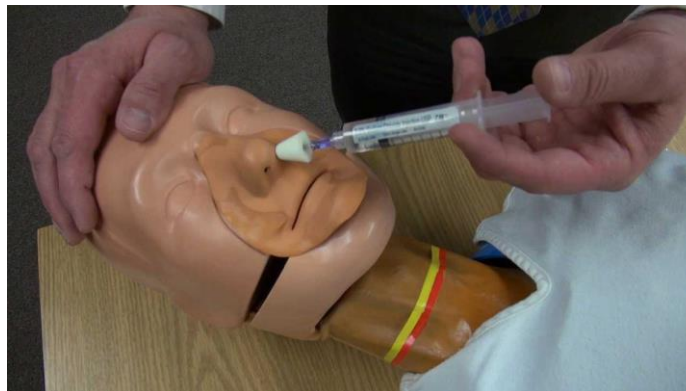
Access the DHMH website to find the ORP training sites nearest your clinic location:  
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## Who Should Get Naloxone?

*Anyone who has completed the ORP or is suspected of using opiates can receive a naloxone prescription.*

### Definitely prescribe Naloxone to:

- Anyone who has completed the Overdose Response Program (described below);
- Anyone with a known history of IV drug use or misuse of prescription opiates;
- Anyone who receives high-dose opiates or receives opiates chronically;
- Anyone who has been hospitalized for opiate overdose;
- Anyone who uses opiates with antidepressants, benzodiazepines, alcohol, or other drugs;
- Anyone who uses opiates with a history of major organ dysfunction (renal, hepatic, cardiac, pulmonary);
- Anyone using opiates with a history of mental illness; and
- Anyone receiving treatment for substance use disorder.



## How to Write for Naloxone

Naloxone can be written for as either an intramuscular or intranasal medication.

### To prescribe the intranasal form of naloxone, write the following:

Rx = Naloxone 2mg/2ml needless syringe and intranasal mucosal atomizer device

Qty = 2 each

Refill = PRN

Sig: For suspected opioid overdose, spray 1ml in each nostril, may repeat after 3 minutes if no or minimal response.

### To prescribe the injectable form of naloxone, write the following:

Rx = Naloxone injection 0.4mg/1ml vial and 3cc, 23g, 1 inch syringes

Qty = 2 units of each

Refill = PRN

Sig: For suspected opioid overdose, inject 1ml in shoulder or thigh, may repeat after 3 minutes if no or minimal response.

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