

Tuolumne County Emergency Medical Services Agency
EMS System Policies and Procedures

Policy: Emergency Medical Technician- Naloxone Administration #233.10

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I. AUTHORITY

Division 2.5, California Health and Safety Code, Sections 1797.172; 1797.185; 1797.206; 1797.214; 1797.218; 1797.220 and; 1797.221. Title 22, California Code of Regulations, Sections 100063.

II. DEFINITIONS

- A. "Agency" and "LEMSA" means the Tuolumne County Emergency Medical Services Agency.
- B. "Emergency Medical Technician" or "EMT" means a person who has successfully completed a basic EMT course which meets the requirements of Title 22; California Code of Regulations, Chapter 2, has passed all required tests, and who has been certified by the Agency Medical Director as an EMT.
- C. "Local accreditation" or "accreditation" or "accredited to practice" means authorization by the LEMSA to practice the optional skill(s) approved by the LEMSA. Such authorization assures that the EMT has been oriented to the LEMSA and trained in the optional skill(s) necessary to achieve the treatment standard of the jurisdiction.
- D. "Optional Scope of Practice Provider Agency" means any agency that has entered into an agreement with the Agency to provide EMT optional scope of practice medications and or procedures.

III. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to define the criteria for EMT authorization and administration of Intra Nasal (IN) Naloxone Hydrochloride in cases of suspected acute opioid overdose within the Tuolumne County EMS System.

IV. POLICY

- A. As part of the State approved optional scope of practice and in accordance with the Tuolumne EMS Agency Basic Life Support Treatment Guidelines and other medical control policies, a supervised EMT student or a certified EMT, is authorized during training, while at the scene of an emergency, during transport of the sick or injured or during an inter-facility transfer to administer IN Naloxone Hydrochloride in cases of suspected acute opioid overdose.
- B. Any Provider Agency wishing to utilize IN Naloxone Administration within the Tuolumne County EMS System will meet the following requirements;
1. Shall be approved by the LEMSA, prior to beginning service. The following shall be submitted to receive and maintain IN Naloxone service provider approval.

- a. Completion of Tuolumne County EMS Agency Provider Authorization Form.
 - b. Roster of EMTs accredited to administer IN naloxone.
 - c. Copy of documentation used to ensure maintenance of naloxone, per manufacturer recommendations, including expiration dates.
 - d. Descriptive process used for continued competency of IN naloxone administration.
- C. Optional Scope of Practice Provider Agencies must be or use an approved training provider. Training curriculum shall be approved by the LEMSA.
- D. Training shall be provided as outlined in California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, chapter 2.0 §100064, EMT optional skills, administration of naloxone for suspected narcotic overdose.
- E. Training in the administration of naloxone shall consist of no less than two (2) hours to result in the EMT being competent in the administration of naloxone and managing a patient of a suspected narcotic overdose. Included in the training hours listed above shall be the following topics and skills:
- 1. Common causative agents
 - 2. Assessment findings
 - 3. Appropriate personal protective equipment and scene safety awareness
 - 4. Profile of Naloxone to include, but not be limited to:
 - a. Indications
 - b. Contraindications
 - c. Side/ adverse effects
 - d. Routes of administration
 - e. Dosages
 - f. Mechanisms of drug action
 - g. Calculating drug dosages
 - h. Medical asepsis
- F. Proper and safe disposal of contaminated items and sharps
- G. At the completion of this training, the student shall complete a competency based written and skills examination for administration of naloxone which shall include:
- 1. Assessment of when to administer naloxone,
 - 2. Managing a patient before and after administering naloxone,
 - 3. Using universal precautions and body substance isolation procedures during medication administration,
 - 4. Demonstrating aseptic technique during medication administration,
 - 5. Demonstrating preparation and administration of parenteral medications by a route other than intravenous.
 - 6. Demonstrating proper disposal of contaminated items and sharps.