

**Vermont Board of Pharmacy
Protocol for Dispensing Naloxone Kits**

Pursuant to 26 V.S.A. § 2080, the Board of Pharmacy adopts the following protocol for use by “pharmacists to dispense or otherwise furnish naloxone hydrochloride to patients who do not hold an individual prescription for naloxone hydrochloride.”

Pharmacy needs: A participating Naloxone dispensing pharmacist must do the following:

1) The dispensing pharmacist shall have available for reference a link to the Department of Health Web site for up-to-date information about Naloxone dispensing and use.

<http://www.healthvermont.gov/adap/treatment/naloxone/index.aspx> ;

2) The pharmacy shall have a copy of the Department of Health Memorandum titled: “Recommended formulation of naloxone suitable for public access/use:”

3) The Pharmacy shall have available for reference/information a copy or link to the Department of Health Publication, Statewide Opioid Antagonist Community Access Program / Intranasal Naloxone / Administration Training Module.

4) The Pharmacy shall have available copies of the Department of Health Brochure “Overdose Rescue Kit How to give nasal naloxone for suspected opioid overdose” for distribution with every Rescue Kit dispensed. Copies of the publication may be obtained on line at

http://healthvermont.gov/adap/treatment/naloxone/documents/naloxone_od_rescue_howto_brochure.pdf or directly from the Department of Health.

Dispensing Protocol:

A licensed pharmacist may dispense a Naloxone Rescue Kit to a person over 12 years of age or older who is at risk of experiencing an opiate/opioid overdose, or to a family member, friend, or other person in a position to help such a person as follows:

1) Each kit dispensed must contain two (2) doses of Naloxone with two nasal atomizers.

2) The kit may only be dispensed with the Department of Health brochure "Overdose Rescue Kit How to give nasal naloxone for suspected opioid overdose" and instructions on how to store the kit until use. <http://www.healthvermont.gov/adap/treatment/naloxone/index.aspx#kit>

3) Billing and Payment information: For transactions other than free distribution or purchases where the consumer has paid for the Naloxone kit in full, only information sufficient to permit third party reimbursement is required.

Pharmacists should consult the Board of Pharmacy Web site for any changes to this protocol.

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