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PURPOSE:

To establish guidelines and regulations governing utilization of the Nasal Narcan administered by the Lorain Police Department. The objective is to reduce fatal opioid overdoses and to comply with SB 57 and procedures as set forth by Project DAWN of Lorain County.

POLICY:

It is the policy of the Lorain Police Department that all sworn officers are required to be trained in the use of the Nasal Narcan and that all officers will carry the Nasal Narcan kit in their assigned cruisers at all times while on duty.

DEPLOYMENT:

The Lorain Police Department will deploy the Nasal Narcan kit in the following primary locations:

1. Records/Information Desk area
2. Jail Operations/Booking area
3. One kit in each Lorain Police Patrol cruiser
4. K-9 Units
5. Marine Unit when in operation (seasonal)
6. All Detective/Narcotics/SRO Units
7. All Command & Staff vehicles

PROCEDURE:

Narcan may be used when responding to a call of such nature, or while the officer is off duty, when the officer reasonably believes that a person is in overdosed state based on the following observations/information;

1. When advised by the Communications Center, or of being advised of such upon arrival, or;
2. When observing drugs, drug paraphernalia or any other drug instruments associated with



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the subject and;

3. Where the victim is observed to be unresponsive, there is an absence of breathing and or the victim has no pulse. Other signs of overdose include: lack of response to sternal rub, shallow breathing and bluish lips or nail beds.
4. Officers who are on duty shall; notify the Communications Center that the subject is in a potential overdose state to ensure that Life Care has been notified. Dispatch will then advise responding ambulance and rescue services (i.e. Life Care, Lorain Fire Department)
5. Officers who are off duty shall; notify Life Care and ensure that the subject whom Nasal Narcan was utilized on is transported to the appropriate medical facility for further treatment.
6. Officers shall deploy Nasal Narcan in accordance with LPD training protocol and in compliance with SB 57-OPIOID OVERDOSE PREVENTION PILOT PROJECT (2013-2014)
7. Officers shall maintain universal precautions and continue to render first aid until relieved by rescue personnel.
8. The use of Nasal Narcan shall be reported whether it was used on duty, or off duty by the officer who deployed it in a Project DAWN Narcan Use Report.

MAINTENANCE/REPLACEMENT:

1. An inspection of the Nasal Narcan kit shall be the responsibility of the personnel assigned the equipment and will be conducted each shift.
2. Missing or damaged Nasal Narcan kit(s) will be reported in writing directly to the officer's immediate supervisor, then forwarded to Detective Michael Gidich, the department Nasal Narcan coordinator.
3. When any condition necessitates that the Nasal Narcan kit be taken off line or be submitted for replacement, this shall be directed to the Nasal Narcan coordinator.
4. Replacement: Upon administering Nasal Narcan and submitting supporting documentation.

DOCUMENTATION/NASAL NARCAN REPORT:

Upon completing the medical assist, the officer shall submit a report detailing the nature of the incident, the care the patient received and the fact that the Nasal Narcan was deployed. The report will be forwarded, through the Division chain of command, to the Narcan coordinator for review/approval, then forwarded to the Project DAWN of Lorain County coordinator at the Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services (ADAS) Board. These records must be completed for statistical value and tracking of the Nasal Narcan. The document shall be retrievable and available via hard copy and/or electronically.



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Special Note: The Lorain Police Department is an active participant and partner in Lorain County's Pilot Initiative, Project DAWN, that was established by the Ohio State Legislature, S.B. 57. It becomes effective October 12, 2013. It is the intent of the Lorain Police Department to coordinate our activities relative to the use and storage of the Nasal Narcan, training, documentation, and statistical compilation with protocols, as established by the Project DAWN committee.

NASAL NARCAN PROGRAM COORDINATOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES:

The program coordinator will:

1. Identify an Ohio State-licensed physician to oversee the clinical aspects of the opioid overdose prevention program (Nasal Narcan) prior to the initiation of the program; in compliance with S.B. 57, the clinical director during the pilot project is Lorain County Coroner, Dr. Stephen Evans.
2. Develop a training curriculum, which meets the approval of Project DAWN of Lorain County and the Ohio Department of Health;
3. Ensure that each sworn and detention officer of the Lorain Police Department is qualified as a trained overdose responder (TOR);
4. Ensure that all trained overdose responders successfully complete all components of training program;
5. Issue certificates of completion to trained overdose responders who have completed the training program; must be approved and signed by clinical director.
6. Maintain Nasal Narcan program records including trained overdose responder training records, Nasal Narcan usage records and inventories of Nasal Narcan supplies and materials;
7. Provide liaison with Project DAWN of Lorain County and local EMS, where appropriate;
8. Assist clinical director with review of all overdose reports, particularly those including Nasal Narcan administration; and
8. Report all administrations of Nasal Narcan on forms prescribed by Project DAWN of Lorain County and Ohio Department of Health;
9. Ensure that the program's registration with the ODH remain up-to-date, with no lapse in



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the program's ability to operate;

10. Ensure that Project DAWN of Lorain County and the ODH is notified in a timely fashion of all changes in the information contained on the program's registration form, including names and contact information for the program coordinator, the clinical director and affiliated prescribers, as well as sites at which the program operates.

CLINICAL DIRECTOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES:

The clinical director, who must be an Ohio State-licensed physician, will...

1. Provide clinical consultation, expertise and oversight of medical issues related to Nasal Narcan program;
2. Approve training program content and protocols as needed, in consultation with Lorain Police Department program coordinator;
3. Approve and provide ongoing supervision of the trainers;
4. Approve of affiliated prescribers;
5. Review reports of all administration of Nasal Narcan with the LPD program coordinator; and
6. Oversee procurement of naloxone (narcan).

SELECTION OF INDIVIDUALS TO BE TRAINED AS OVERDOSE RESPONDERS:

Each sworn and detention officer of the Lorain Police Department shall be qualified as a trained overdose responder (TOR). Other civilian personnel who are interested in becoming TORs are eligible to be trained.

TRAINERS:

Trainers may include LPD officers and staff, but they must train under the auspices of a licensed health professional, who shall be appointed by the clinical director. Each trainer will meet with or be supervised at least once by the clinical director or by an affiliated prescriber who has specifically been delegated the responsibility of supervising trainers.

AFFILIATED PRESCRIBERS:



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Affiliated prescribers must be Ohio State-licensed physicians, nurse practitioners or physician assistants. Each affiliated prescriber must be approved by the clinical director, who must keep a written record of such approval. The affiliated prescribers must be knowledgeable regarding the following: opioid overdose; administration and storage of naloxone; conducting the necessary brief medical assessment; and strongly encouraging TORs to report use or loss of naloxone. They must periodically report their program-related activities to the clinical director and must ensure that all reports of Nasal Narcan administration are communicated to the clinical director as soon as practicable. Affiliated prescribers may be delegated the responsibility of supervising those individuals who train TORs.

TRAINING PROTOCOL:

The Nasal Narcan program must maintain an up-to-date training curriculum, which has been approved by the clinical director.

A. All training will address at a minimum;

1. Risk factors for opioid overdose:

- a. Loss of tolerance
- b. Mixing drugs
- c. Using alone

2. Signs of an overdose:

- a. Lack of response to sterna rub
- b. Shallow or no breathing
- c. Bluish lips or nail beds

3. Actions:

- a. Call 911
- b. Rescue breathing
- c. Rescue position
- d. Using Naloxone (narcan)

B. Training may take place in a variety of settings, including on the street or in a more conventional classroom setting. The training may be in small groups or conducted one-on-one. The duration and content of the training will be determined by the program coordinator, as approved by the clinical director and department training officer.

TRAINING CERTIFICATION:



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At the conclusion of training, each person who has demonstrated adequate understanding of the course material will receive a certificate of completion. This certification is valid for a period not to exceed two (2) years from the date of the training.

REFRESHER COURSE:

TORs will be required to take a refresher training in order to retain their status if more than two (2) years have passed since their previous certification. Training records will be checked for currency of certification at a minimum when TORs request a new kit for loss, use or expiration date. Refresher courses may be offered prior to the expiration of two (2) years to ensure current knowledge regarding overdose protocols and seamless ability of the TOR to administer naloxone (narcan).

NALOXONE (NASAL NARCAN) KITS:

1. The kits will include medication, atomizer, instructions for administering Nasal Narcan, one (1) face mask for mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, and one (1) pair of gloves.
2. Instructions Regarding Use or Loss of Naloxone (Nasal Narcan) Kit:
3. TORs shall report all use and loss of the kits to the Lorain Police Department program coordinator who will forward the information to the clinical director and Project DAWN

REFILL PROTOCOL:

TORs requiring refills will be informed of the hours and location where a prescriber (clinical director or affiliated prescriber) is available to dispense the naloxone (nasal narcan) or which pharmacies can fill a prescription for naloxone. Each TOR's training record will be reviewed and a refresher training will be scheduled consistent with the Refresher Course item above.

STORAGE OF NALOXONE (NASAL NARCAN):

The Police Department program coordinator will ensure that the naloxone is stored safely consistent with the manufacturer's guidelines and that an adequate inventory of naloxone be maintained consistent with reasonable projected demand. The naloxone (nasal narcan) inventory should be routinely assessed to ensure that TORs are furnished naloxone which has at least 9 months – and preferably 12 months – prior to the expiration date.

RECORD KEEPING:



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The Lorain Police Department Nasal Narcan coordinator will maintain a log of all TORs with the name of the TOR and the date trained; a log of all trainings with the date of the training, the location of the training, the name of the trainer and the names of the TORs; a list of all persons who are designated trainers. The program coordinator must also maintain records in order to comply with the requirement of reporting the receipt and administration of Nasal Narcan to the Project DAWN of Lorain County and the Ohio Department of Health, as detailed below under Overdose Reversals.

The Clinical Director must maintain a log of current affiliated prescribers, and this information must be shared with the LPD program coordinator.

OVERDOSE REVERSALS:

All overdose reversals will be recorded on the form supplied by the Project DAWN of Lorain County and reviewed immediately by the LPD program coordinator. The reports will be reviewed monthly with the clinical director. Copies of these reports will be sent to Project DAWN of Lorain County and the Director of the Ohio Department of Health on a monthly basis; this should be accomplished no later than the 5th day of the calendar month following the month covered by the report. If there are more than two reversals in a week or if there are specific concerns over either the strength or contamination of drugs in the area, the concern will be discussed with the clinical director and reported immediately to the local health department as well as to the Project DAWN of Lorain County.