

Naloxone in Nursing Homes: A Checklist for Process Review

Alliant Health Solutions has developed a checklist of questions to support Nursing Homes when implementing the use of naloxone or evaluating existing naloxone policies and procedures. Naloxone is a drug that reverses respiratory depression caused by opioid overdose. Having naloxone readily available in Nursing Homes is an opioid harm reduction best practice that can save lives. For more information on the use of naloxone or for coaching support in the development of your naloxone program, contact Alliant Health Solutions at Nursinghome@alliantquality.org.

Do you have naloxone in your emergency medication kit or dispensing machine for use in the event of an opioid overdose emergency?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Do you have a process for checking the expiration date of the naloxone and replacing expired doses?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Does your facility have a process to execute non-resident specific orders and protocols? Check your specific state and professional licensure regulations.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Does your facility require a PRN naloxone order for each resident with an opioid prescription?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Do your residents with opioid and naloxone orders have applicable care plans for side effects, ADEs, possible need for naloxone?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Do you provide training that includes risk factors, signs of opioid overdose, when to use naloxone, naloxone administration, repeat dosing, and care planning for individuals with opioid and naloxone orders? (only answer Yes if all elements are included.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • as part of your onboarding process for all staff and contract personnel • as part of your annual competency training 	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Do you have policies and protocols regarding the training, use of naloxone and assessment for naloxone use?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Does your consultant Pharmacist: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review all orders for opioids for concurrent naloxone orders? - Know what naloxone product(s) is utilized in your facility? - Review your policy and procedure for naloxone for appropriateness? - Review your staff training for naloxone? 	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Do you have a protocol or policy to ensure any individual discharged with an opioid prescription also receives a naloxone prescription and naloxone education is provided in discharge instructions?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No