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**1. Policy**

1.1 Correctional Services staff in adult correctional facilities and youth correctional facilities will administer Narcan Nasal Spray to individuals who are suspected or confirmed to be experiencing an opioid related medical emergency.

**2. Definitions**

2.1 Narcan Nasal Spray (Naloxone Hydrochloride) is a synthetic drug, which when administered in addition to any required First Aid or Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), can temporarily reverse the opioid effect with respect to a person who is experiencing an opioid overdose.

**3. Authority**

3.1 Only Correctional Services staff who have been trained on Naloxone Nasal Spray Administration (NNSA) will be approved to administer Naloxone Nasal Spray in response to suspected opioid overdose emergencies involving individuals.

3.2 Naloxone Nasal Spray may also be used in response to medical emergencies resulting from occupational exposures to staff.


**4. Procedures**

4.1 Correctional Services staff will permit facility health care staff (if available), to assume responsibility for treatment of suspected opioid overdose emergencies.

4.2 A person suffering an opioid overdose may exhibit the following symptoms

- 4.2.1 breathing which is slow, erratic or absent
- 4.2.2 blue and/or purple fingernails and lips
- 4.2.3 body is limp
- 4.2.4 deep snoring or gurgling sounds
- 4.2.5 vomiting
- 4.2.6 loss of consciousness

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- 4.2.7 unresponsive to stimuli
- 4.2.8 pinpoint pupils
- 4.3 Upon discovery of a person exhibiting signs of an opioid overdose, facility staff will
  - 4.3.1 call an emergency response on the internal radio system
  - 4.3.2 direct staff assigned to Main/Central Control to contact facility health care or EHS
  - 4.3.3 request immediate delivery of Narcan Nasal Spray to relevant location
  - 4.3.4 ensure the area is safe and refrain from handling suspected drugs or paraphernalia
  - 4.3.5 use personal protective equipment (PPE) in accordance with Policy and Procedures, Subject No. 12.06.00, [Infection Exposure Control](#)
  - 4.3.6 administer Narcan Nasal Spray in accordance with Correctional Services approved training and the opioid overdose response instructions provided by the manufacturer (<https://www.narcan.com/static/NARCAN-Quick-Start-Guide.pdf>)
  - 4.3.7 administer appropriate First Aid and CPR
  - 4.3.8 monitor and support person until medical assistance arrives
  - 4.3.9 provide information to responding medical staff regarding time as well as dosage of Narcan Nasal Spray administered and any first aid provided
  - 4.3.10 search the area where the individual was discovered, using proper PPE
  - 4.3.11 not use the cell until searched and cleared by a Manager
- 4.4 Responding staff will submit a report detailing the incident to the ADS or OIC.
- 4.5 The superintendent will immediately notify the Director, Correctional Services.

**5 Standard Operating Procedures (SOP)**

5.1 The superintendent is responsible to implement SOP with respect to this policy as follows

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- 5.1.1 identify process for delivery of Narcan Nasal Spray kits to facility location(s) during an emergency
- 5.1.2 storage of Narcan Nasal Spray kits in a readily accessible location
- 5.1.3 ensure proper inventory of Narcan Nasal Spray kits is maintained and expired kits are promptly replaced
- 5.1.4 identified staff responsible for inspection and replenishing inventory of Narcan Nasal Spray kits
- 5.1.5 maintenance of a current record of staff who have completed the NNSA training in the Assistant Deputy Superintendent (ADS) or Officer in Charge (OIC) office