

Provider tips: Initiating Naloxone with your patients on chronic opioids

Prepare in advance:

Familiarize yourself with covered Naloxone formulations

Baylor Scott & White Health Plan/FirstCare Health Plans Formulary Status		
Naloxone Product	Formulary List	Tier
Naloxone Injection (generic) 0.4mg/ml single dose vial	Group Value and Group Choice, EHB	\$0 copay
	Medicare	Tier 2 G
Naloxone Injection (generic) 2mg/2ml prefilled syringe	Group Value and Group Choice, EHB	\$0 copay
	Medicare	Tier 3 PB
Naloxone Nasal Spray (generic Narcan) 4mg/0.1ml	Group Value and Group Choice, EHB	\$0 copay
	Medicare	Tier 3 PB
Kloxxado Nasal Spray 8mg/0.1ml	Group Value and Group Choice, Medicare	Non-formulary
	EHB	Tier 2 PB
Zimhi 5mg prefilled syringe	Group Value and Group Choice, EHB, Medicare	Non-formulary

EHB=Essential Health Benefits; Tier 2 G=generic for Medicare; Tier 3 PB=preferred brand for Medicare; Tier 2 PB=preferred brand for EHB.

Recognize candidates for Naloxone:

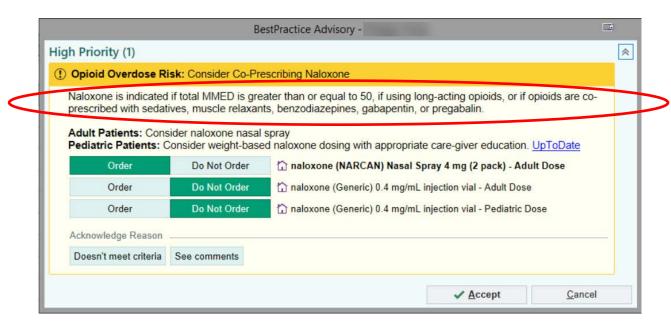
Total MMED ≥50, use of long-acting opioids, or opioids co-prescribed with sedatives, muscle relaxants, benzodiazepines, gabapentin, or pregabalin

Have a conversation starter ready with non-judgmental and non-blaming language: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) offers full 1.5 hour CME "Talking About Naloxone"; also available as a focused two-page conversation starter.

Educate on Naloxone administration and provide additional resources as needed.

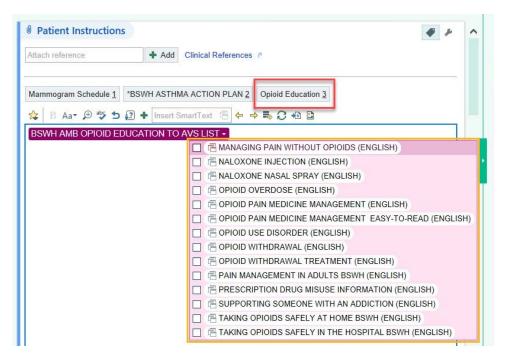
Utilize clinical decision support tools in electronic medical record (i.e., Naloxone Best Practice Advisory or BPA):

BPA identifies candidates and assists with ordering Naloxone



Add Epic patient education to the After Visit Summary (AVS)

- When a provider prescribes an opioid or naloxone, the Patient Instructions page (already required) shows specific patient education to add to the AVS as shown.
- When Epic shows the patient language preference is information in Spanish or Vietnamese, the list will automatically show patient education in their preferred language (not shown).



Resources:

CDC "Talking About Naloxone" CME available.

Introduction to Naloxone for People Taking Prescribed Opioids - YouTube
(YouTube video by the Veterans Health Administration)

Overdose Prevention Resources - National Harm Reduction Coalition

Prescribe To Prevent - Prescribe Naloxone, Save a Life (prescribetoprevent.org)
What is Naloxone? - SAMHSA