

Naloxone (NARCAN®)

- Class:** Narcotic antagonist
- Actions:** Competitive inhibition at narcotic receptor sites. Reverses respiratory depression 2° to narcotic based drugs.
- Rx:** Narcotic overdoses: Codeine, Demerol, Dilaudid, Fentanyl, Heroin, Lortab, Methadone, Morphine, Paregoric, Percodan, Tylox, Vicodin & synthetic narcotic analgesics. Also, useful to rule out narcotics in coma of unknown origin.
- Contra:** Not for use on newborns if mother is addicted to narcotics; causes withdrawals.
- SE:** Withdrawal symptoms in the addicted patient.
- Dosage:** 0.4 mg – 2 mg IV, IM, SQ, ET. Titrate to respiratory effort & rate (Up to 4 mg total).
- Peds:** 0.01 mg/kg
- Notes:** Be prepared for acute withdrawal symptoms and some patients may become violent.

Supplied in SVMCA Drug Box: 4 mg/10 ml vial