



Deaths

Avoided

With

Naloxone

The Cambridge Guernsey County Health Department is a member of Project DAWN which is a community-based education and naloxone distribution program. The health department joined other health departments around the State of Ohio in July 2015 to administer this program.

NALOXONE –An antidote to heroin overdose

Naloxone (also known as Narcan) is a medication that can reverse an overdose caused by an opioid drug (heroin or prescription pain medications). When administered during an overdose, Naloxone blocks the effects of opioids on the brain and quickly restores breathing.

Naloxone has been used safely by emergency medical personnel for more than 40 years and has only one critical function: **to reverse the effects of opioids in order to prevent overdose death.**

Key Points:

- ✓ Naloxone has no potential for abuse.
- ✓ If given to a person who is not experiencing an opioid overdose, it is harmless.
- ✓ If administered to a person who is dependent on opioids, it will produce non-life threatening withdrawal symptoms.
- ✓ It does not reverse overdoses that are caused by non-opioid drugs, such as cocaine, benzodiazepines (Xanax, Klonopin, Valium), methamphetamines or alcohol.

Participants in the training learn to:

- ✓ Recognize the signs and symptoms of overdose
- ✓ Distinguish between different types of overdose
- ✓ Perform rescue breathing
- ✓ Call emergency medical services
- ✓ Administer intranasal Naloxone

The kit includes:

- ✓ 2 vials of Naloxone medication
- ✓ 2 nasal atomizers (the medication is sprayed into the nose of the individual experiencing an overdose)
- ✓ 1 face mask
- ✓ 1 educational DVD
- ✓ 1 educational booklet

CALL: (740) 439-3577 ext. 7235 for more information or to schedule an appointment for this free training.

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