

QUICK FACTS

- Naloxone is a safe medication that can reverse an opioid overdose.
- Opioids are drugs that can slow or stop breathing; they include prescription painkillers, heroin and fentanyl.
- Anyone who needs naloxone can get it at their pharmacy without a prescription. This includes people at risk of overdosing and people who may witness someone else overdosing.

HOW DO I GET NALOXONE AT A PHARMACY?

It's simple: walk into a pharmacy and ask for naloxone – you don't need an individual prescription, but you can obtain it using Pennsylvania's "standing order" for naloxone. Under city law, pharmacies in Philadelphia must stock naloxone.

ARE THERE DIFFERENT TYPES OF NALOXONE?

There are three types of naloxone dispensed in pharmacies:



Single-step nasal spray



Multi-step nasal spray



Intramuscular

DO I NEED INSURANCE TO GET NALOXONE?

No. You can get naloxone with or without insurance. The cost of naloxone without prescription coverage costs up to \$150 for the single-step nasal spray, though the multi-step nasal spray is often less expensive. Naloxone is also available for free at community programs throughout the city. Visit www.phillynaloxone.com to learn more.

HOW MUCH WILL I PAY IF I HAVE INSURANCE?

Many insurance companies cover naloxone with little to no copay. People with Pennsylvania Medical Assistance (Medicaid) do not have a copay. Check with your insurance to see if there are any additional costs or limits to getting naloxone. There is often an additional charge for the multi-step nasal spray – even if insurance covers the medicine. The pharmacist can help you choose the most affordable option.

WILL I GET INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO USE NALOXONE?

Yes. The pharmacist should provide a short training and written instructions on when and how to use naloxone to respond to an opioid emergency or overdose. If your pharmacist does not provide you with this information, visit www.phillynaloxone.com for additional guidance and to sign up for an overdose prevention training. The pharmacist may also ask a few questions to make sure you understand how to use naloxone.

WILL I GET NALOXONE IMMEDIATELY?

Some pharmacies will have the type of naloxone you want in stock while others may need to order it. If you cannot get naloxone right away, it will usually be available within a few days.

IS IT LEGAL FOR ME TO CARRY AND USE NALOXONE?

Yes. Pennsylvania state law allows anyone who has received training at a pharmacy or community program to carry and use naloxone. Additionally, the Pennsylvania Good Samaritan Law provides substantial protection to anyone calling 911 to save a life, even if drugs are present at the scene of the overdose.

DO I HAVE TO SHOW MY ID TO GET NALOXONE?

No, an ID is not required. You will have to show your insurance card if you have insurance.

IS THERE AN AGE LIMIT?

No, but a pharmacist can refuse to give naloxone to someone under the age of 16.

WHERE CAN I REFILL MY NALOXONE?

You can refill your naloxone at your pharmacy. Refill naloxone if it has been used, lost, damaged or expired.

DOES NALOXONE EXPIRE?

Yes. The expiration date is marked on the naloxone. Remember to refill your naloxone before it expires.

MORE INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

Learn more about naloxone:

- Visit <https://www.phillynaloxone.com>

Learn about treatment or harm reduction services related to opioids and other substances:

- Behavioral Health Services Initiative (uninsured): **1-215-546-1200**
- CBH Member Services (Medicaid): **1-888-545-2600**
- For the Department of Behavioral Health and Intellectual disAbility Services:
<http://dbhids.org/addiction-services>
- For harm reduction resources, including syringe exchange:
<https://ppponline.org/>