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## Nasal Narcan Procedure

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### 1. Purpose

To establish guidelines and regulations governing utilization of Nasal Narcan administered by the University of South Alabama Police Department for emergency of opioid overdoses with the objective of reducing the fatality of same.

### 2. Policy

It is the policy of the University of South Alabama Police Department that officers who will be

Acquiring the Nasal Narcan kits from the pharmacist at the USACW hospital after receiving appropriate counseling by the pharmacist and signing the designated acknowledgement form.

Ensuring the Nasal Narcan is current and not expired.

Deploying the Nasal Narcan for patrol properly and efficiently.

Replacing any Nasal Narcan that is either damaged, unusable, expired or administered.

Ensuring all personnel that will be using Nasal Narcan has received appropriate training in such by the University of South Alabama EMS Education Department.

Ensuring that any administration of Nasal Narcan to a subject will have a corresponding police report filed in the current Report Management System documenting such administration.

### 3.1.3 Nasal Narcan use:

When using the Nasal Narcan kit officers will remain universal precautions and perform an assessment of the individual suspected of opioid overdose, including determination of unresponsiveness, absence of respirations and/or pulse. Officer(s) should update their communications dispatcher that the individual is in a potential overdose state. Dispatcher will then notify the local EMS and Paramedic Unit. Officers will follow the protocol as outlined in the Nasal Narcan training.

#### 1. Officer Nasal Narcan Administration Protocol:

Assess victim for responsiveness, pulse and status of breathing

If no pulse, initiate CPR and AED as per USA Police protocol: notifying incoming EMS

If pulse is present and the victim is unconscious, assess breathing status

- If breathing is adequate (>8 per minute, no cyanosis) and no signs of trauma, place in the recovery position.
- If breathing is decreased or signs of low oxygen (cyanosis) and overdose is suspected (based on history, evidence on scene, bystander reports, physical examination) then proceed with Narcan administration.

Retrieve Nasal Narcan kit from police vehicle

Administer a maximum of 4 mg Nasal Narcan in each nostril for a total of 8 mg,

Initiate breathing support with mask or AMBU bag

If no response after 3-5 minutes and a second dose of Nasal Narcan is available, repeat the administration

Continue to monitor breathing and pulse – if breathing increases and there is no evidence of trauma, place in the recovery position

If at any time pulses are lost, initiate CPR and AED as per normal protocol

Keep responding EMS advised of patient status when able to do so



statistical value and tracking of the Nasal Narcan administration by law enforcement personnel.