

PATTERSON LIBRARY

OPIOID OVERDOSE PREVENTION PROGRAM PROCEDURES

If you suspect an opioid overdose:

1. TRY TO WAKE THE PERSON UP

- Shake them and shout
- If no response, grind your knuckles into their breast bone for 5 to 10 seconds

2. CALL 911

****911 should be called if an overdose is suspected, even if the person is responsive****

- If you are with a group and cannot call yourself, state who should call – Ex. “Mary, call 911.”
- State that you suspect someone has overdosed

3. ADMINISTER NASAL NALOXONE

- Hold sprayer between thumb and two fingers
- DO NOT TEST SPRAY – Spray entire dose into nostril
- Repeat with second dose after 2-3 minutes if still not conscious

4. CHECK FOR BREATHING

- If not breathing, give CPR, if trained, or do rescue breathing:
 - ◇ Tilt head back, open mouth and pinch nose
 - ◇ Start with 2 breaths into the mouth. Then 1 breath every 5 seconds.
 - ◇ Continue until help arrives

5. STAY WITH THE PERSON

- Naloxone wears off in 30 to 90 minutes
- When the person wakes up, explain what happened and try to keep them calm
- If you need to leave, turn the person on their side to prevent choking

****If the person is conscious and wants to leave, do not detain them. They are free to go.****

6. INCIDENT REPORTS

- Fill out a Patterson Library Incident Report as well as the NYSDOH Community Naloxone Usage Form (which is located in the kit).
- Be sure to state that Naloxone has been administered and the number of doses.
- Give the original Incident Report and Usage Form to the library director