

Take Home Naloxone

A quick guide to delivering Take Home Naloxone interventions for credentialed workers

1. Determine client eligibility. Clients at risk of overdosing on illicit or pharmaceutical opioids (those currently using, have recently used, or are at risk of returning to using opioids after taking a break), using other illicit drugs, likely to witness an overdose, and contraindications (hypersensitivity) and precautions (pregnant/breastfeeding) have been considered.
2. Introduce the Take Home Naloxone intervention to the client. Describe the purpose ('to help people respond to and prevent deaths from overdose'), duration of the intervention (10-20 minutes), and involves the supply of take home naloxone at no cost.
3. Assess and address client's understanding of overdose: either unstructured (clinical assessment) or use the Take Home Naloxone Client Questionnaire and provide feedback using the Consumer Information Sheet.
4. Discuss with client their choice between prefilled syringe for intramuscular injection or intranasal spray naloxone. Demonstrate the contents and use of Prenoxad[®] (injected) and Nyxoid[®] (intranasal). Please note only Nyxoid[®] should be supplied to people under 18 years.
5. Worker and client to complete the Take Home Naloxone Checklist and Record of Supply form.
6. Worker to supply naloxone to client (client's preferred formulation i.e. either nasal spray or pre-filled syringe if possible) in accordance with the Procedures, including labelling, and record in the Drug stock control sheet/imprest logbook.
7. File completed documents in client medical record (where patient medical record exists) or where no individual client medical records are maintained (e.g. NSP, outreach), file in a Take Home Naloxone Intervention Folder at each participating site.