

Naloxone for Law Enforcement



Procedure for Intranasal Naloxone Administration:

1. Confirm the correct medication, expiration date, and dosage.
2. Naloxone is typically packaged in 2mg in 2ml volume.
3. Attach the MAD (Mucosal Atomizer Device) nasal atomizer.
4. Place the atomizer 1.5 cm into the patient's nostril.
5. Briskly compress the syringe to administer $\frac{1}{2}$ of the medication.
6. Remove and repeat into the other nostril until all of the medication has been administered.
7. Volumes greater than 1ml are too large and will lead to failure because the drug cannot be absorbed by the nasal mucosa quickly enough.
8. Monitor the subject for signs of improvement such as increased respiratory effort, improving level of consciousness and purposeful movements.

Pearls

- Subjects may become combative after naloxone administration.
- Subjects may vomit after naloxone administration, be quick to move subject to left side if signs of improvement or vomiting
- Make sure patient is still not carrying other medications
- The nare can only absorb 1 ml of fluid.
- Factors that negatively affect mucosal absorption of medication may include recent use of vasoconstrictors, i.e. cocaine or afrin, nosebleeds, nasal congestion and/or discharge.