

# Naloxone Saves

## Tips for Pharmacies to Save Lives with the State Standing Order for Naloxone

From U.S. Surgeon  
General Jerome  
Adams, MD MPH:

*"Americans are urged to carry this lifesaving medication that can reverse the effects of an opioid overdose."*

### How Pharmacists Can Help

Community Pharmacies are authorized to dispense naloxone without a patient-specific prescription under the state standing order for naloxone.

Learn more about naloxone laws in your state at [naspa.us/naloxone](https://naspa.us/naloxone)

### Everyone is Eligible to Obtain Naloxone

Anyone who may be at risk for an opioid emergency OR who may be in a position to respond to help someone else including an opioid user, friend, relative, co-worker, health worker, bus driver, church, clinic or business.



## Tips for Success

- 1 Screen Patients for Opioid Risk**  
Define 'high-risk' criteria to trigger a recommendation based on the opioid prescription, PDMP record and history.
- 2 Fit the Standing Order into your workflow**  
Activate technicians in screening, processing claims and preparing the prescription with education materials.
- 3 Have Naloxone Ready when Recommending**  
Avoid delays, coverage surprises and hesitancy by preparing naloxone along with the rest of the patient's medicines.
- 4 Stock Nasal Spray and Injectable Forms**  
Cost and coverage varies but most patients who accept your recommendation will accept the formulation that is covered or affordable.
- 5 Avoid Stigma when Counseling**  
Think risky medicines not risky people. Instead of overdose use bad reaction or opioid breathing emergency. Consider risks to anyone in the household.
- 6 Promote Naloxone**  
Use posters, counter signs, banner ads, social media posts, marquees and more to alert your customers and community to start the conversation.

For more resources and tips on how to improve opioid safety and increase naloxone availability to your patients and community, visit Alliant Quality's Opioid Safety page: [alliantquality.org/content/opioid-safety](https://alliantquality.org/content/opioid-safety)