

# Introduction to Naloxone Administration Curriculum



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## Lesson One – Introduction to Naloxone Administration

# FOCUS: Developing Awareness of Patient-Focused Care

15-20 minutes

### Purpose:

To help students develop an awareness of patient-focused care. Take the *Introduction to Naloxone Administration Pre-test*.

### Materials:

- *Introduction to Naloxone Administration (Focus on Empathy) worksheet*
- *Introduction to Naloxone Administration (Focus on Empathy) Instructor Resource*
- *Introduction to Naloxone Administration Pre-test*
- *Introduction to Naloxone Administration Pre-test – Answer Key*

### Facilitation Steps:

1. Distribute the *Introduction to Naloxone Administration (Focus on Empathy) worksheets* prior to or at the beginning of class.
2. Have the *Introduction to Naloxone Administration (Focus on Empathy) Instructor Resource* page available.
3. Pair up students and have them complete the *Introduction to Naloxone Administration (Focus on Empathy) worksheet*.
4. Distribute the *Introduction to Naloxone Administration Pre-test* and have students complete it.
5. Either collect the pre-test or have students self-correct, using the *Introduction to Naloxone Administration Pre-test – Answer Key* as a resource.

# Introduction to Naloxone Administration

## (Focus on Empathy)

**Skill:** Administration of naloxone using the nasal atomizer

**READ** the following:

You and your partner have just started your shift. You receive a call for your EMS unit to respond to a possible overdose at the Barry Hotel. You arrive on the scene three minutes later and are directed to the back alley, where you find an unconscious male of approximately 30 years of age. He has a syringe stuck into his forearm with a pile of vomit next to himself and is not breathing. While you assist your partner with setting up the naloxone nasal atomizer, a lady comes running down the alley carrying a toddler, yelling for “Jerry.” You intercept her and find out that the patient is Jerry, her husband. Jerry was just released from rehab two hours ago. She is very upset, asking if he is going to die and saying that you should be doing something for him. You explain what your partner is doing and that you are giving him medicine to help him breathe and reverse the narcotic. While trying to get more medical history from her, she is not cooperative and throws herself on Jerry, crying and pounding on his chest while holding her crying child, asking the entire time if he’s going to die.

**REFLECT** on the situation:

What emotions do you think the wife is feeling?

What is the best response you can give when a loved one asks you if the patient is going to die?

What would you say to the lady regarding her toddler?

**SHARE** your thoughts with a peer when it’s discussion time.