

FH Emergency Department Take Home Naloxone (THN) Program

What?

Take Home Naloxone program provides Naloxone kits in the Emergency Department (ED), along with training in overdose prevention, recognition, and response.

Who?

1. Any patient (including friends/family) presenting to the ED with:
 - Opioid overdose
 - Suspected illicit or non-medicinal opioid drug use by any route (i.e. IV/oral/inhaled)
 - High risk medical event due to opioid use



How?

- 1) ED Physician or RN determine that the patient is eligible for Take Home Naloxone
 - a. Physician: Orders "Naloxone kit" on ED Record as per usual process.
 - b. RN Initiated Order: ED RN writes order (and prescriber name) on ED Record for communication to physician.
- 2) ED RN:
 - a. Provides education to patient/family/friends using teaching checklist as a guideline. Encourage group teaching.
 - b. Provides patient/family/friends with pamphlet, list of kit replacement centres and Take-Home Naloxone Kit. Include algorithm in THN kit: FH Instructions for Naloxone
 - c. Completes **EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT TAKE HOME NALOXONE: DISPENSING RECORD**.
 - d. When **DISPENSING RECORD** is filled, **FAX to 604.707.2516**. Retain copies of the Take Home Naloxone: Dispensing Record in unit binder.

NOTE: THN kits are now supplied through your local Pharmacy- please ensure they are distributed broadly to those who need them. **This includes ensuring the family and friends of patients who present with suspected overdose also receive the teaching and THN kit.**