

NARCAN MYTHS

The CDC reports more than 10,000 overdose reversals with NARCAN by non-medical bystanders. However, there still exists myths and misconceptions surrounding this medication.

"NARCAN ENCOURAGES DRUG USE"

Truth:

Research has shown that naloxone does not encourage more drug use. When administered, naloxone blocks the effects of opiate drugs and causes a person to experience withdrawal symptoms.



"NARCAN PREVENTS USERS FROM SEEKING TREATMENT"



Truth:

There is nothing to indicate that naloxone discourages people from entering a rehab program. Naloxone saves people from certain death and offer them more opportunities to engage with recovery.

"NARCAN IS ONLY GIVEN BY SYRINGE"

Truth:

NARCAN intranasal spray does not require an injection. In El Dorado County NARCAN can be accessed for free from the Marshall Emergency Department and Sierra Harm Reduction Coalition. One box has two doses that are 4mg per dose.



SHRC hotline: 530-212-0279

"NARCAN IS EXPENSIVE"



Truth:

NARCAN can be purchased over the counter from any pharmacy in California. However, NARCAN can be expensive but many insurance providers will pay for this medication. In El Dorado County, NARCAN can be acquired free of charge from Marshall Emergency Department or Sierra Harm Reduction Coalition.

"ONLY DOCTORS CAN PRESCRIBE NARCAN"

Truth:

Doctors, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants are allowed to prescribe naloxone to patients who are at risk of an overdose.

