

How can you get naloxone?

Anyone can get prescribed naloxone from a Doctor. However, some Doctors do not like prescribing it to people.

Naloxone is also available over the counter at pharmacies who carry it. However, if you purchase it over the counter you have to pay full price.

When you complete the WASUA naloxone training you will receive free naloxone and a kit with everything you need to use it.

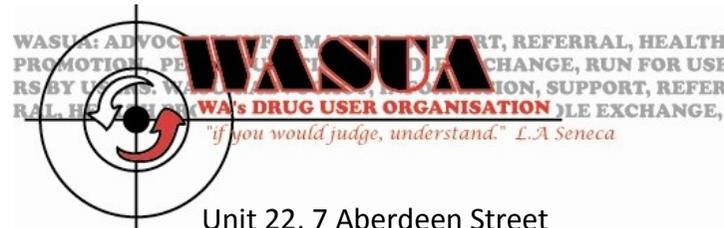
At the end of the training each person will have a short consult with a Doctor. You will need to have your Medicare card, as the consultation is bulk billed. The Doctor will assess your knowledge and ability to safely use naloxone before prescribing.



"Thank you so much. My friend just went blue in the passenger seat of my car, so I ran around and pulled him out. I just did exactly everything you had told me to do! Like, I tilted his head and breathed two emergency breaths into him, injected him with the naloxone and started the compressions. He came around within a few minutes."

"Thank you so much for letting me save my mate's life. I saved his life! I still can't believe it! I'm just so grateful."

Naloxone Training participant



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**Peer
Naloxone
Training**

**Recognise and
respond to opioid
overdose**



**Monthly
training
sessions**

Do you or anyone you know use heroin or other opioid drugs?

Do you know opioid overdoses can be reversed?

Do you want to learn how to save a life?

WASUA provides FREE overdose prevention training, which includes legally prescribed take-home naloxone and everything you need to use in a kit.

The training is held once a month and takes about two hours.

Attending the naloxone training and receiving the prescription will NOT put you on the register of drug addicts.

Anyone can attend the training, including family members, friends and other people who may witness opioid overdose. However, in order to be issued with naloxone you must identify as a 'past or current opioid user'.

"When we attended the scene [the first responder] identified himself as a first aider and peer naloxone trained. He explained he had been part of a naloxone training project and had been prescribed naloxone. He appeared calm and confident and gave a detailed hand over."

St John's Ambulance Officer

What is naloxone?

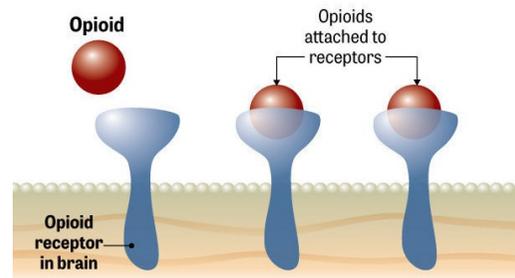
You may have heard naloxone referred to by its drug company name, Narcan[®]. It is what ambulance officers give someone if they have overdosed on an opioid.

Naloxone only works on opioids, such as heroin, morphine, oxycodone and fentanyl. It has no side effects on anyone who has not used opioids.

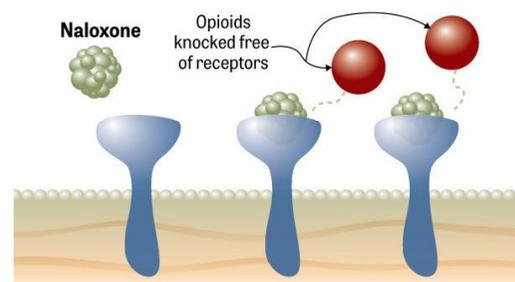
Naloxone is an intramuscular injection that reverses an opioid overdose, enabling the person to breathe again.

OPIOID OVERDOSE

The brain has many receptors for opioids. An overdose occurs when too much of an opioid (heroin, morphine, etc.) fits in too many receptors, stopping the person's breathing.



Naloxone has a stronger affinity to the opioid receptors than opioid drugs, so it knocks the opioids off the receptors for a short time. This allows the person to breathe again and reverses the overdose.



What does the training cover?

- Overdose risk factors and how to identify an opioid overdose.
- The myths and facts of opioid overdose.
- How to prevent an opioid overdose - this is life saving information.
- How to respond to an overdose as a first aider.
- How naloxone works and how to administer naloxone.
- The training takes about 2 hours to complete.
- Lunch is provided for FREE while each person waits to see the Doctor to get their naloxone.
- A FREE consultation with the Doctor, make sure you bring along your Medicare card.
- You will be prescribed FREE naloxone.
- A take-home naloxone kit is provided for FREE with everything you need to use the naloxone.

Please contact WASUA to register your interest. Once we have your first name and mobile number we will give you a text or call to let you know the date and time of the next Naloxone Training. We are happy to remind you monthly until you have attended the training.

Phone 9325 8387 and register your interest in the Naloxone Training.