

- Education for community leaders, families, emergency medical personnel, and others
 - Addiction
 - Overdose
 - Naloxone
 - Recovery
- Narcan (generic: naloxone) available to law enforcement and other emergency personnel
- Serving McDowell, Mercer, and Wyoming counties in southern West Virginia

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What is an opioid overdose?

Opioids are a classification of drugs that include illegal drugs such as heroin, as well as prescription medications used to treat pain such as morphine, codeine, methadone, oxycodone, hydrocodone, fentanyl, hydromorphone, and buprenorphine. In the case of prescription medications, an opioid overdose occurs when the substance is misused (whether deliberately or unintentionally) and the patient takes more than the allotted, safe amount. This leads to depressed breathing, decreased heart rate, and suppresses other functions of the central nervous system. Opioid overdoses can cause serious, life-altering consequences and even death.

What is Narcan?

Opioid overdose-related deaths can be prevented when Narcan (generic: naloxone) is administered in a timely manner. As a narcotic antagonist, Narcan displaces opiates from receptor sites in the brain and reverses respiratory depression that usually is the cause of overdose deaths. During the period of time when an overdose can become fatal, respiratory depression can be reversed by giving the individual Narcan.

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to restore; to re-establish;
 to resume after an interruption