

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AGENCY

TITLE: Naloxone Administration by Law Enforcement

EMS Policy No. 4150

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to establish a process for law enforcement agencies to be authorized to administer naloxone hydrochloride under the direction of the SJCEMSA Medical Director.

AUTHORITY:

Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, Section 1797.220, 1798, 1799.106; and California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 1.5

DEFINITIONS:

- A. "SJCEMSA" means the San Joaquin County Emergency Medical Services Agency.

BACKGROUND:

Assembly Bill 2256 signed into law in 2018 enacted Section 4119.9 of the Business and Professions Code authorizing a pharmacy to furnish naloxone hydrochloride or other opioid antagonist to law enforcement agencies for use by trained employees of the law enforcement agency. Law enforcement agencies and personnel providing emergency medical services including the administration of naloxone hydrochloride in accordance with SJCEMSA medical control policies are protected from civil liability in accordance with the provisions of Health and Safety Code, Section 1799.106.

POLICY:

- I. All law enforcement agencies in San Joaquin County are eligible to participate in the administration of naloxone hydrochloride. Law enforcement agencies should submit a letter notifying the SJCEMSA of their department's intent to participate and provide the name and contact information for the person responsible for naloxone training and administration for their department.
- II. Law enforcement officers with participating law enforcement agencies that have completed an SJCEMSA approved law enforcement naloxone training class may administer intranasal naloxone to a patient with a suspected acute opioid overdose in the field or custodial setting in accordance with the SJCEMSA Basic Life Support (BLS) Poisoning and Overdose Policy.
- III. Training prerequisites:

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- A. Current certification in professional rescuer CPR; and
 - B. Completion of a public safety first aid course.
- IV. Naloxone administration training shall consist of a course using the SJCEMSA training curriculum presented by an instructor approved by the participating law enforcement agency. Course topics shall include:
- A. Common opioids.
 - B. Patient assessment.
 - C. Patient management including personal protective equipment.
 - D. Naloxone administration:
 - 1. Indications.
 - 2. Contraindications.
 - 3. Potential side effects and adverse effects.
 - 4. Routes of administration.
 - 5. Dosages.
 - E. Use of nasal atomizer.
 - F. Patient care including rescue airway and ventilation.
 - G. Disposal of contaminated items including sharps.
 - H. Patient care documentation.
- V. Data Collection and Reporting:
- A. Participating law enforcement agencies will adopt and use a standardized form for reporting and documenting each administration of naloxone.
 - B. Participating law enforcement agencies will report instances of naloxone administration to SJCEMSA.
- VI. Planning and Evaluation:
- A. Law enforcement administration of naloxone will be included into the SJCEMSA EMS System Plan and evaluated and monitored within the SJCEMSA Quality Improvement Program.

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