# Take-Home Naloxone: the revolution, the convolutions and the necessary evolutions

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**NALOXONE NASAL SPRAY** 

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#### **A**GENDA

- Opioid Overdose Deaths
- Role of Naloxone
- Narcan Nasal Spray
- Pharmacokinetics and Dose
- Field Experience

#### **OPIOID OVERDOSE DEATHS**

#### Opioid overdose deaths are growing worldwide

- Estimated at least 6,800 8,000 deaths EU in 2014¹
- England & Wales almost 2,000 deaths in 2015 up >50% since 2012<sup>2</sup>
- Ireland over 75% of the 219 drug related deaths in 2014; 71.1 deaths per million in 2013, three time the most recent European average<sup>3</sup>
- Over 33,000 deaths in US in 2015<sup>4</sup>
- Increase in use of potent and synthetic opioids<sup>1</sup>

#### Many deaths may be preventable

Most overdoses are witnessed

#### ROLE OF NALOXONE

## Naloxone routinely used for opioid overdose over 40 yrs<sup>1</sup>

Treats overdose symptoms if an adequate <u>dose</u> is administered in <u>time</u>

## **Clinical Use Dosing**

Initial dose in range of 0.4-2 mg injection with titration up to 10mg<sup>2</sup>

## **Community Setting Special Considerations**

- Easy-to-use emergency naloxone treatment as bridge to medical care
- Lack of medical expertise and equipment means titration not practical

#### **NALOXONE MOA**

Competitively binds to opioid receptors<sup>1</sup>

 Literature suggests 50% opioid receptor occupancy is achieved with 1mg naloxone by injection but 2mg provides 80% occupancy<sup>1,2</sup>

 Lower doses have been used successfully but success rate unknown

#### NALOXONE SAFETY PROFILE

#### Warnings

- Duration of efficacy<sup>1</sup>
- Limited efficacy in partial agonists; mixed agonist/antagonists<sup>1</sup>
- Possible CV effects in those with pre-existing condition<sup>1</sup>
- Neonates safety concern<sup>1</sup>

#### Potential For Acute Withdrawal In Some Opioid Dependent Patients<sup>1</sup>

- Incidence, severity vary by opioid dependent patient and opioid<sup>1</sup>
- Unpleasant but generally transitory and non-life threatening<sup>2-5</sup>
- In non-opioid dependents high bolus doses of 90mg well tolerated<sup>2</sup>

#### NARCAN NASAL SPRAY

## Collaborated with NIDA to Develop Naloxone Nasal Spray

## Regulatory status 4mg and 2mg

- Approval by U.S. FDA and Health Canada in 2016
- Application under review in Europe

#### Commercialisation

- Launched 2/16 and Canada 7/16
- Rapidly adopted and now most prescribed naloxone in U.S.



#### **NARCAN NASAL SPRAY**

4mg naloxone in 0.1ml

Single-use, needle-free, nasal delivery system

Pre-filled, ready-to-use, no-assembly, priming, or training

Non-titratable

Supplied with back-up device

## NARCAN NASAL SPRAY

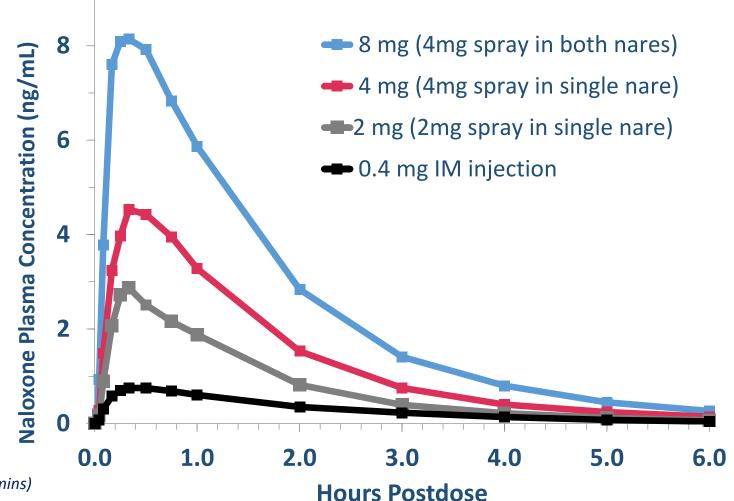


#### **PHARMACOKINETICS**

## Naloxone Exposure<sup>1</sup>

- Narcan Nasal Spray4mg blood levels = 5X0.4mg IM exposure,
- Approx. 50% relative bioavailability to IM.
- Similar RSD%between IM andNasal delivery

FDA: Mean Plasma Naloxone Concentration Narcan Nasal 8mg, 4mg, 2mg v 0.4mg IM 0-6 Hrs (n=29)<sup>1</sup>



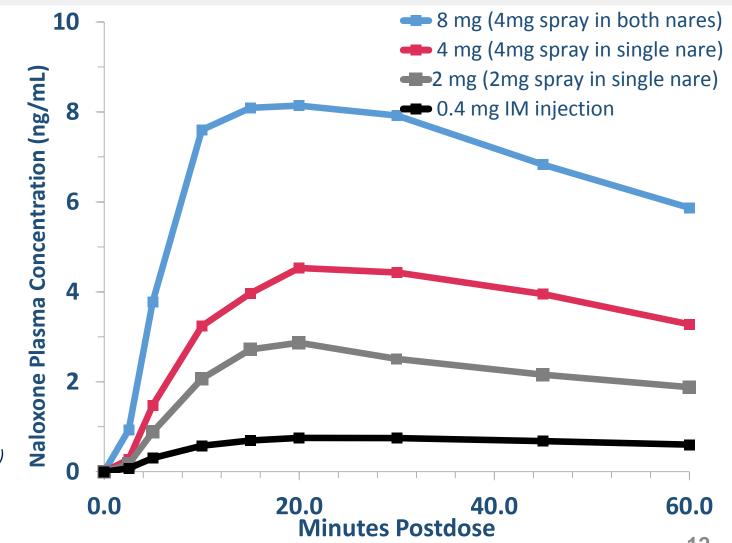
#### **PHARMACOKINETICS**

Mins post dose	Fold Higher Naloxo (4mg Narcan Nasal V 0.4mg IM) <sup>2</sup>	
2.5	3.5	2.2
5.0	4.8	2.9
10	5.6	3.6
15	5.7	3.9
20	6.0	3.8

[1] FDA: Mean plasma concentration time profiles of naloxone (0 to 60 mins) Narcan Nasal 4mg, 2mg 2X 4mg v 0.4mg IM healthy subjects (N = 29)

[2] FDA: Fold Higher Naloxone Concentration (4mg and 2mg Narcan Nasal Versus 0.4mg IM) 0-20 minutes Health Subjects: N=29

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#### COMMUNITY NALOXONE CONSIDERATIONS

## **Delivery System**

- Safe and Easy Use and Allow Reliable, Rapid Administration
- Back-up Device

## **Target Plasma Exposure**

- Approximate the High End of Initial Clinical Dose Range as Multiple Unknown Factors and Absence of Clinical Expertise and Assets to Titrate
- Ensure Rapid Onset in Initial Few Minutes Post Dosing
- Avoid Delivering 'Too Little Naloxone Too Late'

#### NARCAN EARLY FIELD EXPERIENCE

## **Independent Field Survey of Narcan Nasal Spray Experiences**

- 15 entities estimated they achieved over 1,400 reversals
- 8 entities with known outcomes data on 245 reversals: 99% reversal rate

## Review of Case Reports in 196 Reversals

- No adverse events in 62% of reports
- Most commonly reported events were withdrawal, nausea, irritability
- No new safety concerns identified

#### **SUMMARY NALOXONE NASAL**

## **Offers Potential New Option**

## **Delivery System: Safe and Easy Use**

Allow Reliable, Rapid Administration

## Naloxone exposure at High End of Initial Range

- Favourable Risk/Benefit Profile
- Appropriate for community use setting