

Frequently Asked Questions about Naloxone

How do you store Naloxone?

Naloxone should be stored between 59 and 86 degrees Fahrenheit and should be kept away from direct sunlight. Naloxone loses its impact over a period of time. It also loses its potency from exposure to sunlight and extreme temperatures (both hot and cold).

What if my Naloxone is expired?

Expired naloxone will not hurt the victim but may not work as well. If an overdose victim is given expired naloxone because that is all that is available, the victim may require additional doses (beyond the typical dose of 1-2 ml for injectable naloxone) due to decreased potency.

Harm reduction programs should dispose of expired naloxone or use it for demonstration and training purposes. Programs should also encourage participants to exchange expired naloxone for a new supply.

After Naloxone is given

The victim should be monitored carefully and other evidence-based approaches, such as rescue breathing, should be used until the person revives and/or additional medical help arrives.