To: Law Enforcement
From: ADAPT Pharma
Subject: Are your officers prepared for an accidental opioid emergency?

Our nation is in the midst of an unprecedented opioid epidemic.1 For many law enforcement agencies, the motivation to carry naloxone centers on helping to reverse the effects of a sudden or suspected opioid overdose which can potentially save a life. You are often the first responders on the scene of an opioid overdose.

An equally important aspect of saving naloxone is being able to respond if members of the force have been accidentally exposed to synthetic opioids, such as fentanyl and carfentanil. These drugs are similar to morphine or heroin but 50 to 100 times more potent.2

ADAPT Pharma® has developed a short Law Enforcement Multi-Cat Training Module which includes how to identify an opioid overdose and check for response, and how to administer NARCAN® (naloxone-HCl) Nasal Spray while waiting for emergency assistance to arrive. ADAPT Pharma always recommends the review of the Patient Information and Instructions for Use.

Click here to view the training video.

ADAPT Pharma is committed to providing access, education, and training to law enforcement officers on the first and only FDA-approved nasal naloxone, NARCAN® (naloxone-HCl) Nasal Spray. NARCAN® Nasal Spray is a prescription medicine used for the treatment of an opioid emergency—such as an overdose or a possible opioid overdose with signs of breathing problems and severe sleepiness or not being able to respond.

NARCAN® is available as a ready-to-use needle-free, 4mg concentrated dose of naloxone in a single spray. NARCAN® Nasal Spray does not require specialized medical training. NARCAN® Nasal Spray is to be given right away and does not take the place of emergency medical care. Get emergency medical help right away after giving the first dose of NARCAN® Nasal Spray even if the person wakes up. Overdosed doses may be necessary. NARCAN® Nasal Spray is safe and effective in children for known or suspected opioid overdose.

In addition, ADAPT Pharma continues to offer law enforcement, first responders and other qualified purchasers a discount price for NARCAN® Nasal Spray for up to 75% of the wholesale price. For more information, please visit naran.com or contact ADAPT Pharma’s Customer Service Team at 844-442-9702 or email sales@adaptpharma.com

Please see important safety information below.

Important Safety Information

What is the most important information I should know about NARCAN® Nasal Spray? NARCAN® Nasal Spray is used to temporally reverse the effects of opioid overdose. The medicine in NARCAN® Nasal Spray has not been tested in people who are not taking opioid medicines. Always carry NARCAN® Nasal Spray with you in case of an opioid emergency:

1. Use NARCAN® Nasal Spray right away if you or your caregiver think signs of an opioid emergency are present, even if you are not sure. Because an opioid overdose can cause severe injury or death. Signs and symptoms of an opioid emergency may include:
   - unusual sleepiness and you or the person is hard to awaken
   - breathing problems affecting the person’s ability to breathe
   - breathing problems including slow or shallow breathing
   - loss of consciousness
   - labs in the center of the color of the patient (purple), or very small, sometimes called "popcorn pup" in someone difficult to awaken

2. Family members, caregivers, or other people who may have to use NARCAN® Nasal Spray in an opioid emergency should know where NARCAN® Nasal Spray is stored and how to give NARCAN® before an opioid emergency happens.

3. Get emergency medical help right away after giving the first dose of NARCAN® Nasal Spray. Rescue breathing CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) may be given while waiting for emergency medical help.

4. The signs and symptoms of an opioid emergency can return after NARCAN® Nasal Spray is given. If the signs happen again after 2 to 3 minutes using a new NARCAN® Nasal Spray and the person is not responsive, emergency medical help is needed.

Who should not use NARCAN® Nasal Spray? Do not use NARCAN® Nasal Spray if you are allergic to nalbuphine hydrochloride or any of the ingredients in NARCAN® Nasal Spray.

What should I tell my healthcare provider before using NARCAN® Nasal Spray? Before using NARCAN® Nasal Spray, tell your healthcare provider about all of your medical conditions, including if you:

- have heart problems
- are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. Use of NARCAN® Nasal Spray may cause withdrawal symptoms in your unborn baby. Your unborn baby may be treated with a healthcare provider right away after giving NARCAN® Nasal Spray.
- are breastfeeding and plan to breastfeed. It is not known if NARCAN® Nasal Spray passes into your breast milk.

What are the possible side effects of NARCAN® Nasal Spray? NARCAN® Nasal Spray may cause serious side effects, including:

- sudden opioid withdrawal symptoms. In someone who has been using opioids regularly, opioid withdrawal symptoms can happen faster after NARCAN® Nasal Spray and may include:
  - body aches
  - yawning
  - increased heart rate
  - increased blood pressure
  - nervousness
  - goose bumps
  - sneezing

In infants under 4 weeks old who have been receiving opioids regularly, sudden opioid withdrawal may be life-threatening if not treated right away. Signs and symptoms include: crying, moaning more than usual, and increased reflexes. These are not all of the possible side effects of NARCAN® Nasal Spray. Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to the FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or www.fda.gov/medwatch.

For full prescribing information, click here: https://www.naran.com/pdf/NARCAN-Prescribing-Information.pdf

Thank you,
Sincerely,
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