

NALOXONE

REVERSE AN OPIOID OVERDOSE



WHAT IS NALOXONE?

Naloxone rapidly reverses opioid overdoses. It can block the effects of opioids, like heroin and morphine, as well as synthetic opioids, such as fentanyl.

NALOXONE VS. NARCAN®

When naloxone was first approved, its brand name was Narcan®. There are now other formulations and brand names, but many people continue to call all of these products “Narcan®.” As of March 2023, Narcan® is available over-the-counter only as a nasal spray.



SIGNS OF AN OPIOID OVERDOSE

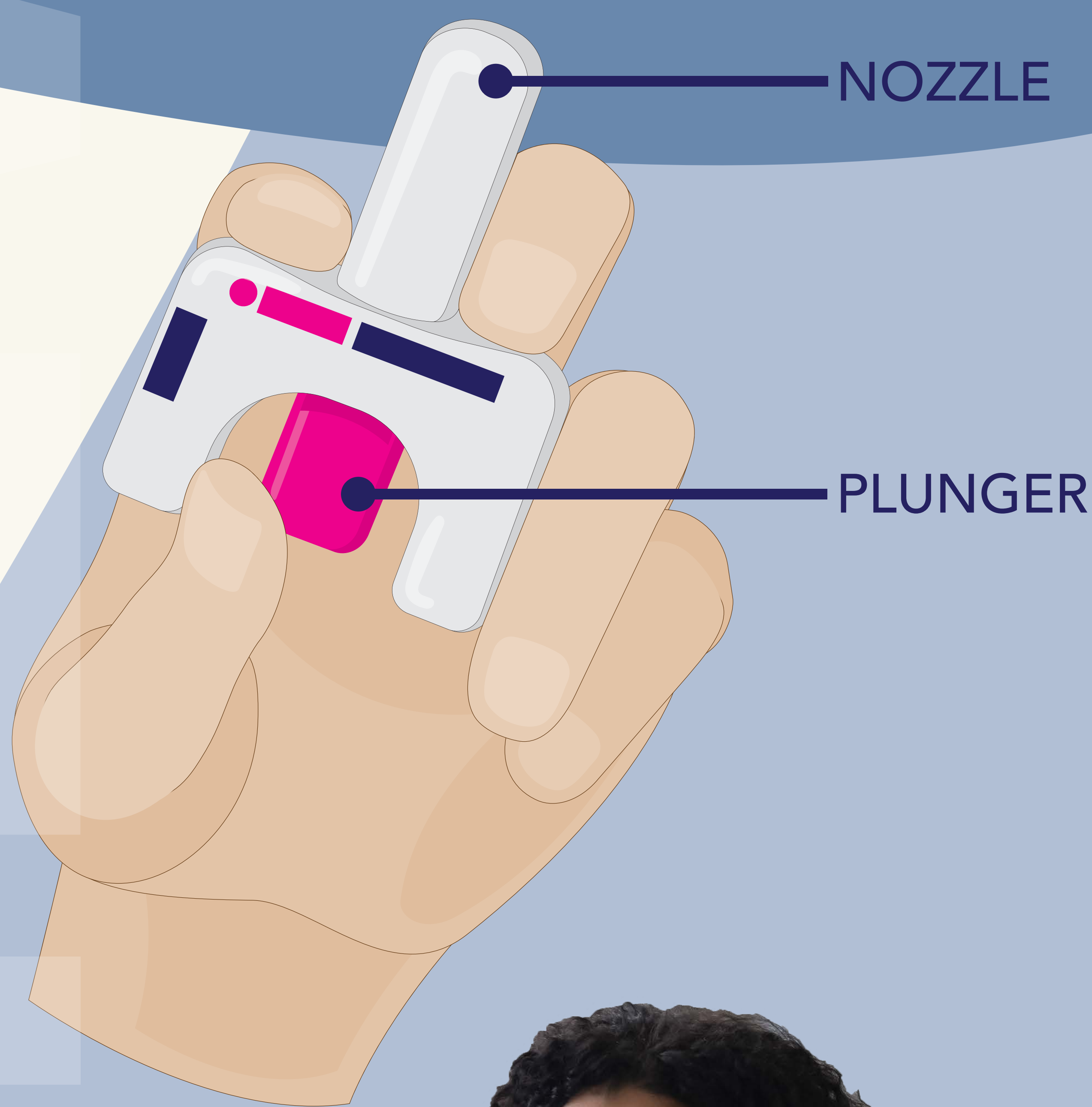
Signs of an overdose may include:

- Small, constricted “pinpoint pupils”
- Falling asleep or loss of consciousness
- Limp body
- Slow, shallow breathing
- Choking or gurgling sounds

HOW TO GIVE NALOXONE

To administer Narcan® by nasal spray:

- 1) Hold the spray with your thumb on the bottom of the plunger and your first and middle fingers on either side of the nozzle.
- 2) Tilt the person’s head back and provide support under the neck with your hand.
- 3) Gently insert the tip of the nozzle into one nostril until your fingers on either side of the nozzle are against the bottom of the person’s nose.
- 4) Press the plunger firmly.
- 5) If the person does not respond in two minutes, repeat the steps and give a second dose of Narcan®.



NALOXONE AFTERCARE

- Stay with the person.
- Tell the paramedics or doctors that naloxone has been given.
- If you need to leave, turn the person on their side to prevent them from choking.



BY THE NUMBERS

Naloxone is more important now than ever.

Opioids were involved in 80,411 of 106,699 overdose deaths.

Nearly 88% of opioid-involved overdose deaths involved synthetic opioids such as fentanyl.

Opioid deaths more than doubled between 2010-2017 and continue to rise.

If you are with someone who is experiencing an opioid overdose,
DO NOT HESITATE. CALL 9-1-1.