

MEDICATION REFERENCE LIST

NALOXONE (NARCAN)

1. **Classification:** narcotic antagonist
2. **Physiologic Effects:** causes reversal of narcotic depression induced by opioids by acting as an antagonist in the opioid receptor sites
3. **Major Indication:** narcotic induced respiratory depression
4. **Primary Contraindication:** hypersensitivity
5. **Side Effects:**
 - 5.1. **withdrawal symptoms** (especially in neonates)
 - 5.2. **combativeness**
 - 5.3. **hyperventilation**
6. **Additional Information:**
 - 6.1. **Naloxone is sensitive to light, steps should be taken to shield the vial from UV light until ready for usage**
 - 6.2. **The smallest dose should be used to reverse respiratory depression, not to fully awake patient.**
 - 6.3. **Common opioids include; morphine, methadone, codeine, demerol, dilaudid, fentanyl, and hydrocodone**