

Opioid-Associated Emergency for Healthcare Providers Algorithm

Cascading numbered boxes correspond to actions the provider should perform in sequence. Each box is separated by an arrow that signifies the pathway the provider should take. Some boxes are separated by 2 arrows that lead to different boxes, meaning that the provider should take a different pathway depending on the outcome of the previous action. Pathways are hyperlinked.

Box 1

Suspected opioid poisoning

- Check for responsiveness.
- Shout for nearby help.
- Activate the emergency response system.
- Get naloxone and an AED if available.

Box 2

Is the person breathing normally?

If Yes, proceed to [Box 3](#).

If No, proceed to [Box 5](#).

Box 3

Prevent deterioration

- Tap and shout.
- Open the airway and reposition.
- Consider naloxone.
- Transport to the hospital.

Box 4

Ongoing assessment of responsiveness and breathing.

Go to [Box 1](#).

Box 5

Does the person have a pulse?

(Assess for 10 seconds or less.)

If Yes, proceed to [Box 6](#).

If No, proceed to [Box 7](#).

Box 6

Support ventilation

- Open the airway and reposition.
- Provide rescue breathing or a bag-mask device.
- Give naloxone.

Box 7

Start CPR

- Use an AED.
- Consider naloxone.
- Refer to the BLS/Cardiac Arrest algorithm.