

DRUG:	NALOXONE
PRESENTATION:	Ampoule: 400 microgram/mL
ACTION & INDICATION:	Opiate antagonist indicated for the reversal of opiate intoxication.
DOSE:	Initial dose: 100 microgram/kg Repeat dose: 100 microgram/kg every 2-3 minutes until desired level of reversal is reached.
PREPARATION:	DO NOT DILUTE
ADMINISTRATION:	Give IV over 3 minutes Intramuscular, SC: As per NCCU policy. Onset of action: IV: within 2-3 minutes IM/SC: within 2-5 minutes
ADVERSE EFFECTS:	May precipitate acute withdrawal symptoms in babies of opiate dependent mothers. Nausea, vomiting, sedation.
COMMENTS:	Monitor respiratory rate, heart rate, blood pressure. Use with caution in patients with cardiac irritability.
REFERENCES:	Pediatrics 1989;83:803 Paediatric Pharmacopoeia 13 th Ed Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne Neofax 2008
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