

# **NARCOTIC OVERDOSE SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS**

BLUE LIPS AND FINGERS | DROWSY/UNRESPONSIVE | FAST/SLOW/ABSENT PULSE  
SHALLOW/SLOW OR ABSENT RESPIRATIONS

## **INTERVENTION**

1. Assure the scene is safe for bystanders and yourself.
2. Medically assess the patient.
3. If you note a pulse but few or no respirations, assist with the breathing.
4. If you suspect narcotics are involved, administer the nasal naloxone after at least 2 rescue breaths.

## **NO PULSE AND NOT BREATHING:**

1. If no pulse and no respirations, begin CPR and assist with the breathing.
2. If appropriate and available, apply the Automatic External Defibrillator.
3. If you suspect narcotics are involved, administer the nasal naloxone.

# NALOXONE ADMINISTRATION

1. Remove the two caps from each end of the applicator.
2. Take the cap off the medication.
3. If not previously done, apply the atomizer onto the end of the applicator.
4. Screw the medication into the applicator. There is a needle within the applicator that bevels into the syringe and will release the medication when the syringe is pushed.
5. Insert the atomizer into the nostril and push the syringe.
6. Apply one milliliter (ml) into each nostril. The amount is measured on the side of the syringe.