Title: Pre-Hospital Use of Naloxone in Adults with Suspected Opiate Overdose: Guidelines and Clinical Effectiveness

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Research question:

1. What is the clinical benefit and harm of pre-hospital use of naloxone in adult patients with opiate overdose?

2. What is the clinical evidence of the different routes of administering naloxone in adult patients with opiate overdose? (in a pre-hospital setting)

3. Are there guidelines for pre-hospital administration of naloxone to adult patients with opiate overdose?

Methods:

A limited literature search was conducted on key health technology assessment resources, including PubMed, the Cochrane Library (Issue 4, 2007), University of York Centre for Reviews and Dissemination (CRD) databases, ECRI, EuroScan, international HTA agencies, and a focused Internet search. Results include articles published between 2001 and the present, and are limited to English language publications only. No filters were applied to limit the retrieval by study type. Internet links are provided, where available.

Results:

Health technology assessments

No literature found
Systematic reviews and meta-analyses
No literature found

Randomized controlled trials


Observational studies


Guidelines and recommendations


Appendix – Further information:

Review articles


Guidelines


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Additional references


