

NALOXONE HYDROCHLORIDE (Narcan)

CLASSIFICATION

Narcotic Antagonist

ACTION

1. Narcotic antagonist
2. May precipitate withdrawal symptoms in patients physically dependent on narcotics.

INDICATIONS

1. Respiratory depression secondary to narcotics and related drugs:
 - a. Heroin
 - b. Meperidine (Demerol)
 - c. Codeine
 - d. Diphenoxylate (ingredient of Lomotil)
 - e. Hydromorphone (Dilaudid)
 - f. Levorphanol (Levo-Dromaron)
 - g. Morphine Sulfate
 - h. Pentazocine(Talwin)
 - i. Propoxyphene (Darvon)

2. Suspected acute opiate overdose

CONTRAINDICATIONS

1. Known hypersensitivity

USE WITH CAUTION

1. In patients known to be physically dependent on narcotics; be prepared to restrain violent patients if necessary after Narcan has been administered

ADVERSE EFFECTS TO OBSERVE FOR AND REPORT TO THE PHYSICIAN

1. Withdrawal Symptoms
 - a. Sweating, gooseflesh, tremor
 - b. Nausea and vomiting
 - c. Dilation of pupils, tearing of eyes
 - d. Agitation or belligerence
 - e. Convulsions