

OVERDOSE INFORMATION CARD

**If a friend or a loved one has overdosed,
they must receive proper medical treatment
followed by substance abuse treatment services.**

What are Opiates?

Opiates (or opioids) are medicines prescribed by doctors to relieve pain. When used correctly, they can promote healing. When used incorrectly or in the form of heroin, opiates can lead to an overdose, to addiction, and to death.

What is an Overdose?

A drug overdose happens when you take too much of a drug, whether it is an illegal substance, over-the-counter medication, or a prescription drug. An overdose can lead to serious medical conditions, including death. Drug overdoses may be intentional, but they can also be accidental. The severity of an overdose depends on the drug, the amount taken, and the individual.

What is Naloxone (Narcan)?

Naloxone is medication that has been proven to reverse opioid (prescription or heroin) overdoses. It is used by medical professionals and it is also available at most pharmacies without a prescription (talk to your pharmacist). **Naloxone** is also known as Narcan or Evzio. It may cause withdrawal symptoms but does not cause harm if given to someone who did not overdose. Naloxone is not addictive.

For more information go to: www.narcannasalspray.com

**Need Help?
Just Ask!**

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How to Get Help for Drug and Alcohol Problems

- **IF YOU HAVE HEALTH INSURANCE**
Call the phone # on the back of the insurance card for "substance abuse services" or "mental health services."
- **IF YOU HAVE NO HEALTH INSURANCE**
Call the agency listed below which is closest to you. Funding assistance is available from the Chester County Department of Drug and Alcohol Services.

Drug & Alcohol Outpatient Provider Agencies

Coatesville

Gaudenzia Coatesville 610-383-9600

Exton

Mirmont Outpatient 484-565-1130

Kennett Square

Holcomb Behavioral Health Systems 610-388-9225

Phoenixville

Creative Health Services 610-933-1223

West Chester

Gaudenzia West Chester 610-429-1414

For additional resources, go to our website:
www.chesco.org/DrugandAlcohol

or call:

Information and Referral 866-286-3767
Chester County Drug & Alcohol 800-692-1100