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TO: Community Health Nurses serving First Nations Communities

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## **RE: Information on Community Naloxone Program for RN non-Certified Practice Implementation – BC CDC Opioid Overdose Prevention Program**

Key points for RN Community Health Nurses (CHN) on RN Non-Certified *Opioid Overdose Prevention – Take Home Naloxone*

Purpose: To provide information supporting the sustained implementation of culturally safe, comprehensive systems of opioid overdose prevention to all First Nations persons including socially and medically appropriate methods of self-determined overdose reversal.

### Assessment:

1. CHN Readiness
  - a. Assess own readiness to administer naloxone for the purpose of opioid overdose reversal
  - b. Assess own readiness to train community members & coworkers on naloxone opioid reversal
2. Community Readiness
  - a. Rationale in community: *any person who uses opioids is at risk of experiencing an overdose*
  - b. In concert with Health Director, provide background on addictions/opioid pharmacology to health department staff & other stakeholders such as RCMP, first responders, council members, health service or addictions partners

### Training and Implementation:

#### Resources-

1. CHN Training *Overdose Prevention & Response Training* <http://towardtheheart.com/> Home page>Naloxone>Health Professionals>Training Manual
  - Use this as an online training only or, contact one of the resources listed below for further support
  - BC CDC Non-certified Practice Decision Support Tool Dispensing naloxone <http://www.bccdc.ca/NR/rdonlyres/64310A80-0939-4F0B-BDBC-C101B7A2E4E2/0/NaloxoneDSTforNursesApril14approved.pdf>
2. Sign up as Take Home Naloxone New Site Registration Form <http://towardtheheart.com/> Home Page>Naloxone>Ready to get Kits: New Site Registration
  - *Good to go!* dispense THN to clients; train non-regulated health department staff to administer naloxone in circumstances of overdose reversal
    - *All supply ordering, tracking, reporting and ordering information is located on this site*

## Resources

### BC Harm Reduction Consultation and Support

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## CRNBC Standards of Practice

1. Medication Inventory Management:  
<https://www.crnbc.ca/Standards/PracticeStandards/Lists/GeneralResources/672MedinventoryMgtPracStd.pdf>
2. Dispensing Medications:  
<https://www.crnbc.ca/Standards/PracticeStandards/Lists/GeneralResources/486DispensingMedications.pdf>
3. Medication Administration:  
<https://www.crnbc.ca/Standards/PracticeStandards/Lists/GeneralResources/408MedicationsPracStd.pdf>

Additional Resources:

[http://www.harmreductionworks.org.uk/site\\_map.html](http://www.harmreductionworks.org.uk/site_map.html)

<http://canadianharmreduction.com/>

<file:///C:/Users/denise.wolf/Documents/Articles%20&%20Pubs/SA/NeuroOpioidDepnd2002.pdf>

*The Neurobiology of Opioid Dependence*

*All lives are valuable; Harm Reduction saves lives and diminishes the negative community impacts of substance misuse*