

Welcome to Naloxone-apolooza '14 Power to the Opiate Busters!

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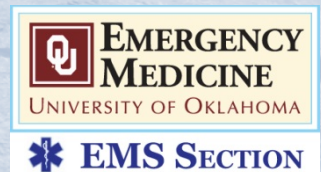
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Disclosure of Presenter Bias

- Preference for life over death
- Medical Director for “a lot” of LEOs
- Medical Director for “a lot” of EMRs/EMTs
- Not my place to judge an opiate abuser/addict
- Socially liberal
- Fiscally conservative























Consideration #1

**Naloxone is a drug.
Naloxone is an effective drug.
Naloxone is not a benign drug.**



Consideration #2

What is needed in an opiate-mediated cardiac arrest?

What is needed in an opiate-mediated AMS pt spontaneously breathing/circulating?



Consideration #3

In a large, urban area, what is the time lag from PD or even BLS EMS to ALS EMS arrival?

Will naloxone realistically be given in that time?



Consideration #4

**Is naloxone free?
Who is going to pay the cost?**



Consideration #5

**Is naloxone readily available?
Will it be?**



Suggested Non-ALS EMS Guideline

- Activate ALS EMS
- Awake/Able to be awakened? Y = No naloxone
- Breathing normally? Y = No naloxone
- Apnea? Y = CPR
- Agonal breathing? Y = CPR
- Breathing every 3-5 seconds? Y = Recovery position

Only give naloxone 0.4-2 mg if all the above = NO



**Have the audacity
to be honest about reality
regardless of what the
“We’re saving lives!” consensus is.**

**This message NOT brought to you
by the feel good/do good coalition or the
manufacturers of naloxone.**





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