

Department of Defense (DoD) Opioid Prescriber Safety Training (OPST) Program: Opioid Safety Resources and Tools



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Opioid Safety Resources and Tools

Opioid Use in Active Duty

DoD Instruction (DoDI) 1010.16



Establishes and updates policies, assigns responsibilities, and prescribes procedures for the Military Personnel Drug Abuse Testing Program. Published on June 15, 2020.

Why is this DoDI important to providers and pharmacists?

Section is 2.4.f(3):

"Absent a specified time period when prescribed, prescriptions for substances included on Schedules II through V of Section 812 of Title 21, United States Code, will be considered expired 6 months after the most recent date of filling, as indicated on the prescription label. For example, a prescription with a fill date of August 14th will be considered expired after February 14th of the following year."

DoD Instruction 1010.16



What does Section 2.4.f(3) mean?

If a controlled substance (CS) does not have an expiration date written on the prescription (Rx), the default expiration is 6 months after the last fill date of the prescription. After 6 months the prescription will no longer be considered valid. If the service member has an expired CS Rx and screens positive during a urine drug test, they may be subjected to Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) action.

What can providers and pharmacists do?

- Talk with the service member to alert them of this DoD Instruction
- Indicate an expiration date on the prescription

HQDA EXORD 224-17



- Opioid Therapy Profiling Standardization
- Required for any Army Soldiers prescribed opioids, including tramadol, even short-term use
- “All opioid prescribing providers will effectively communicate readiness and mission restrictions to the chain of command ensuring awareness of duty-limiting conditions or treatments. The DA Form 3349 (physical profile) via the E-profile system...”

HQDA- Headquarters, Department of the Army
EXORD- Execute Order

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Military Treatment Facility (MTF) Programs

Sole Provider and Pharmacy Lock



- Sole provider and pharmacy lock (Prescription Monitoring Program) when appropriate.
 - Policy overview:
<https://www.express-scripts.com/TRICARE/tools/rxMonitoring.shtml>
 - Prescription Monitoring Program Enrollment Form:
https://www.express-scripts.com/TRICARE/tools/MTF_RxRestriction_Request_Form.pdf

The form is titled 'EXPRESS SCRIPTS™ Federal Pharmacy Services' and 'Prescription Monitoring Program Enrollment Form For Military Treatment Facility use only'. It includes contact information: 'Fax to 866.579.4662 or call 866.333.1348 for alternative CAC encryption submission option'. A note states: '**Contact information is required from authorized MTF personnel (RPh,MD,RN) A check box must be selected when the request form is submitted**'. The form has sections for 'New Request', 'Modify Existing Request', 'Reinstatement', and 'Date'. Below this is 'Restricted Beneficiary's Information' with fields for 'Last Name', 'First Name', 'M.I.', 'DOD ID Number', and 'Birth Date'. 'Step 1: Choose Lock Type (select ONE ONLY)' includes 'TYPE I LOCK' (Restrict all medications), 'TYPE II LOCK' (Restrict all controlled meds or a selected drug schedule, with sub-options II, III, IV, V), and 'TYPE III LOCK' (Restrict specific medications or medication class, with a 'Restricted Drug' field and sub-options: Short Acting Opioids, Long Acting Opioids, Benzodiazepines/Barbiturates, Amphetamines, Stimulants). 'Step 2: Set Authorized Provider and/or Pharmacy' includes 'Authorized Provider(s)' with 'Add/Remove', 'Provider Name', and 'DEA/NPI' fields, and 'Authorized Pharmacy(ies) (select ONE ONLY)' with 'All MTF Pharmacies on Site' and 'Site Name' fields.

- Type I Lock: Restrict all medications.
- Type II Lock: Restrict controlled medications or selected drug schedule.
- Type III Lock: Restrict specific medication or drug list.

Adapted from Stepped Care training

Military Health System (MHS) Drug Take Back Program



- Provides TRICARE beneficiaries with a mechanism to properly and safely dispose of their unused or expired controlled and non-controlled prescription and over-the-counter medications.
- DoD- Instruction 6025.25, Drug Take Back Program
 - Published on April 2016
- DHA-Procedural Instruction (DHA-PI) 6025.25, Drug Take Back Program
 - Published on February 2018

MHS Drug Take Back Program

- September 2016- MTF Implementation of DoD's Drug Take Back Program
 - Collection Receptacles located in MTF pharmacies
 - Mail Back Envelopes provided by MTF pharmacies upon request

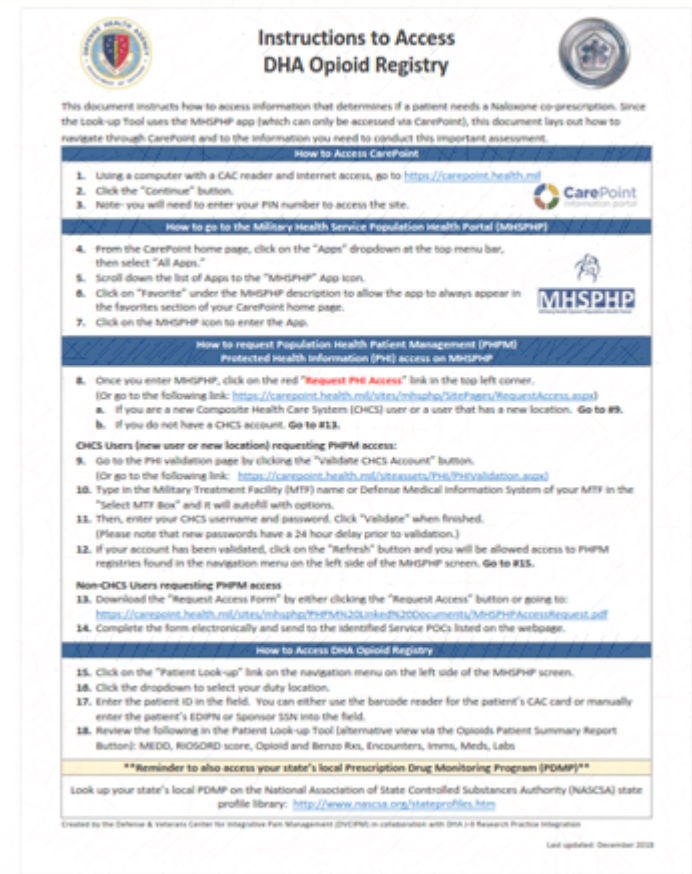


CarePoint: Risk Mitigation Online Tool

Risk Mitigation Tools



- CarePoint: <https://carepoint.health.mil>
- Military Health System Population Health Portal
 - DHA Opioid Registry
 - Patient Look up Tool
- Opioid Prescriber Trend Report



Instructions to Access DHA Opioid Registry

Patient Look-up Tool:

What is it and what can it do for me?



- Patient Look-up Tool is a clinical decision support tool designed to increase Naloxone co-prescription to individuals most vulnerable to adverse opioid outcomes.
- Provides data elements including the patient's:
 - Morphine equivalent daily dose (MEDD) trend over time
 - Risk Index for Overdose or Serious Opioid-induced Respiratory Depression (RIOSORD) score and associated probability of opioid-induced respiratory depression
 - A DHA-PI aligned recommendation of whether the patient should be prescribed Naloxone based on known comorbidities and factors.

- Clinical Registries
- Non-clinical Registries
- Patient Look-up**
- Registry Tools
- Reports
- My Saved Filters

Please select your duty location: **Pain Clinic Location**

Manual Entry

Barcode / EDIPN / SPONSSN / Name:

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Current MEDD: 38
RIOSORD Index Score: 20

RECOMMEND Naloxone

Criteria: LOT | Concomitant Benzo |
 Probability of Opioid Induced Respiratory Depression: 3%

Last Naloxone: 2018-12-19
Sole Prescriber: None assigned

Opioid Dispensing History:

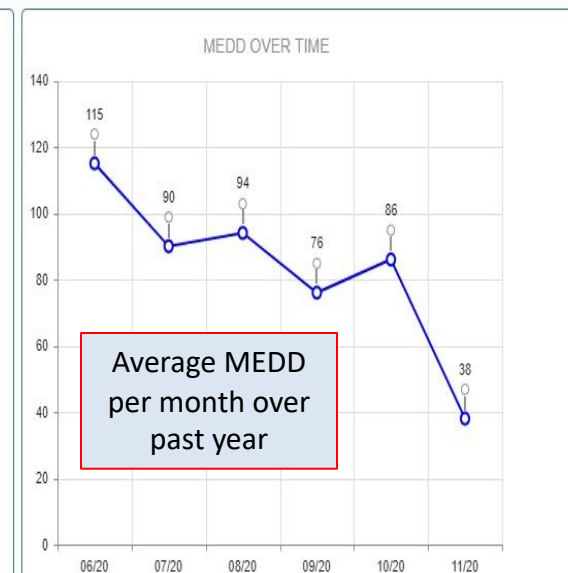
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Benzo Dispensing History:

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 05/21/2020 LORAZEPAM 2 MG #60 DS30 (WALGREEN CO) |

RIOSORD Criteria:
 MEDD20
 benzo
 Emergency

Long Term Opioid Patient: Yes



- Clinical Registries
- Non-clinical Registries
- Patient Look-up**
- Registry Tools
- Reports
- My Saved Filters

Please select your duty location: **Pain Clinic Location**

Manual Entry

Current MEDD: 38
RIOSORD Index Score: 9

RECOMMEND Naloxone

Criteria: LOT | Concomitant Benzo |
Probability of Opioid Induced Respiratory Depression: 3%

Last Naloxone: 2018-12-19
Sole Prescriber: None assigned

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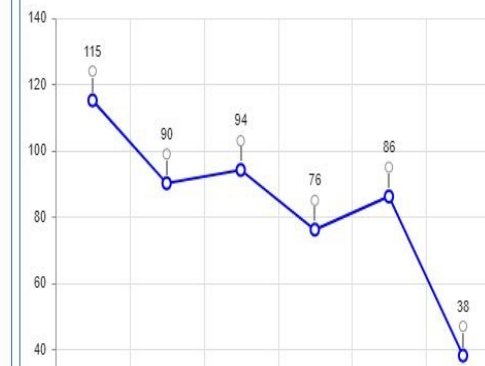
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MEDD OVER TIME



Print Opioids Patient Summary Report

Print Patient Summary Report

Print Opioid Risk and Recommended Clinical Actions (ORRCA)

RIOSORD Naloxone Screening

Print Opioid Therapy Risk Report (OTRR)

Opioid Therapy Risk Report (OTRR)



Long-Term Opioid Therapy
Patient Details

Patient Name: _____ EDIPN: _____ DOB: _____

Enrolled OAS	Years	PCPhone	Next PC Appt	Next PC Appt Clinic
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Opioid Dispensings		nic	Mental Health	Opioid/Benzo Overlap Previous 90 Days
Dispense Date	Medication			64
26-Oct-20	HYDROMORPHONE HCL (TABLET) 4MG #120 DS15 (WALGREEN CO / WALGREENS #05697 / DANVILLE,IL)			
06-Oct-20	HYDROMORPHONE HCL (TABLET) 4MG #120 DS15 (WALGREEN CO / WALGREENS #05697 / DANVILLE,IL)			
10-Sep-20	HYDROMORPHONE HCL (TABLET) 4MG #120 DS15 (WALGREEN CO / WALGREENS #05697 / DANVILLE,IL)			
20-Aug-20	HYDROMORPHONE HCL (TABLET) 4MG #120 DS15 (WALGREEN CO / WALGREENS #05697 / DANVILLE,IL)			
28-Jul-20	HYDROMORPHONE HCL (TABLET) 4MG #120 DS15 (ALBERTSONS LLC / SAV-ON PHARMACY #0493 / BOISE,ID)			
06-Jul-20	HYDROMORPHONE HCL (TABLET) 4MG #120 DS15 (WALGREEN CO / WALGREENS #05697 / DANVILLE,IL)			
19-Jun-20	HYDROMORPHONE HCL (TABLET) 4MG #120 DS15 (WALGREEN CO / WALGREENS #05697 / DANVILLE,IL)			
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Opioid risk information, including RIOSORD score

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04-Aug-20	ALPRAZOLAM 0.25 MG #2 DS1 (WALGREEN CO)
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Opioid Risk Recommended Clinical Actions Report

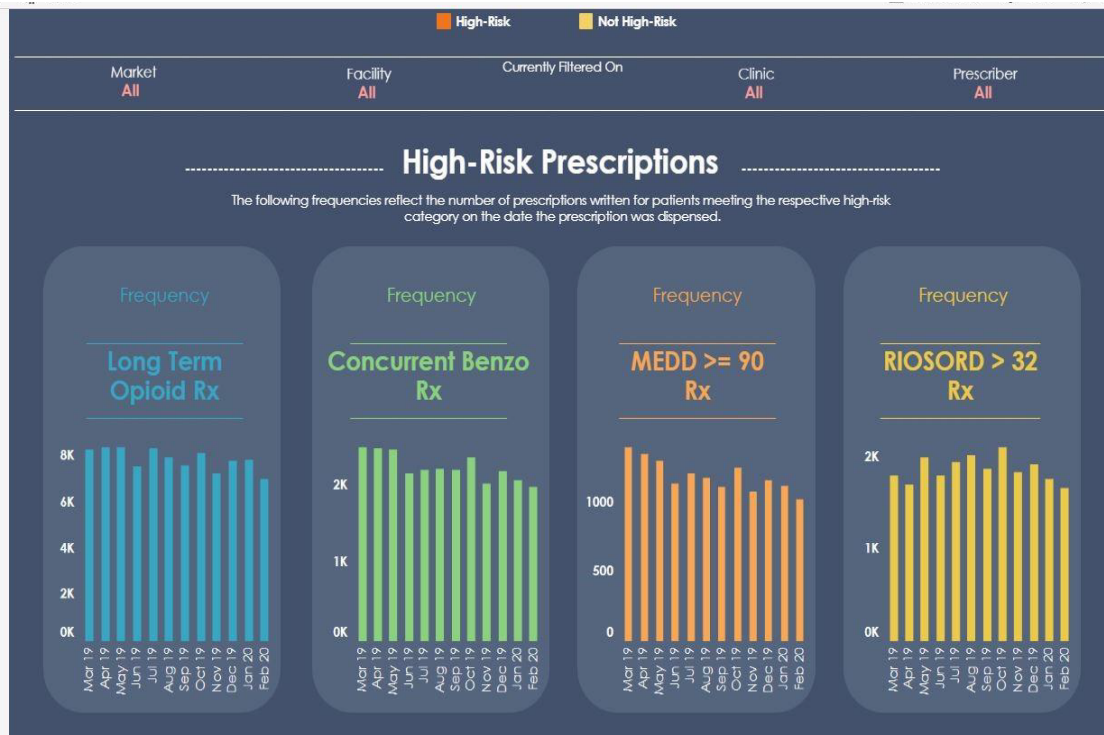


- Provides guidance based on clinical features of each patient

Guidelines recommend **against starting** long-term opioids (LOT) for chronic pain and recommend against use of LOT particularly in patients with untreated **substance use disorder**, concurrent **benzodiazepine** use and/or **age <30**.

	LOT Guideline recommendation	Recommended Clinical action	Notes		
	Pharmacologic				
✓	Recommend against >90 MEDD	Gradually taper dosage to	DHA and VA-DOD recommends tapering opioid		
✓	Avoid >50 MEDD	<div>✗</div>	Surveillance		
✓	Avoid use of methadon		Urine drug screen (UDS) at least yearly	Order UDS before next Rx renewal	DHA and CDC recommend UDS at least annually and more frequently in patients at higher risk.
✓			If not done State prescription drug monitoring program (PDMP) at least yearly	Check state PDMP if not done within past year	DHA directs the use of state PDMP to determine if patient is obtaining controlled substances outside of the MHS.
✓	Avoid use of fentanyl patch		If not done Opioid education and consent	Instruct patient to read and sign Opioid Informed Consent before next renewal.	DHA directs education and informed consent to provide patients with the rationale for current opioid prescribing recommendations.
✓	Avoid use of long-acting opioids (ie, MS contin, oxy-Contin)				
✗	Recommend against prescribing opioids for patients taking benzodiazepines	Evaluate for these conditions	Co-morbid conditions		
			Substance use disorder	Consider buprenorphine	SUD is the single highest risk factor for opioid-related overdose. Medication assisted therapy provides best outcomes.
			Sleep apnea	If sleep apnea status unknown, consider sleep study if STOP-BANG 3+	Opioid use exacerbates both obstructive and central sleep apnea, which increases risk of overdose.
✓	Prescribe naloxone if MEDD is >50 or RIOSORD≥33 or other high-risk condition.		Alcohol use disorder	Evaluate patient's alcohol use	Alcohol increases risk of opioid-related overdose.

Opioid Prescriber Trend Report



- The Opioid Prescriber Trend report provides information on the number of patients in each of four categories at elevated risk
 - RIOSORD >32
 - MEDD ≥90
 - Opioid / Benzodiazepine combination
 - Long-term opioid therapy
- Naloxone prescribing trends
- Can be filtered by MTF, primary care team or opioid prescriber

Summary



- References
 - DOD Instruction 1010.6
 - HQDA EXORD 224-17
- Military Treatment Facility Programs
 - Sole Provider
 - Express Scripts Prescription Monitoring Program
 - Drug Take Back Program
- CarePoint
 - Patient Look-up Tool
 - Opioid Prescriber Trend Report

Opioid Overdose Education and Naloxone Distribution (OEND) Program: A Guide for Prescribing Naloxone

OEND Program

- **Mission:** Reduce opioid-related overdoses and deaths
- **Goal:** Increase co-prescribing of Naloxone

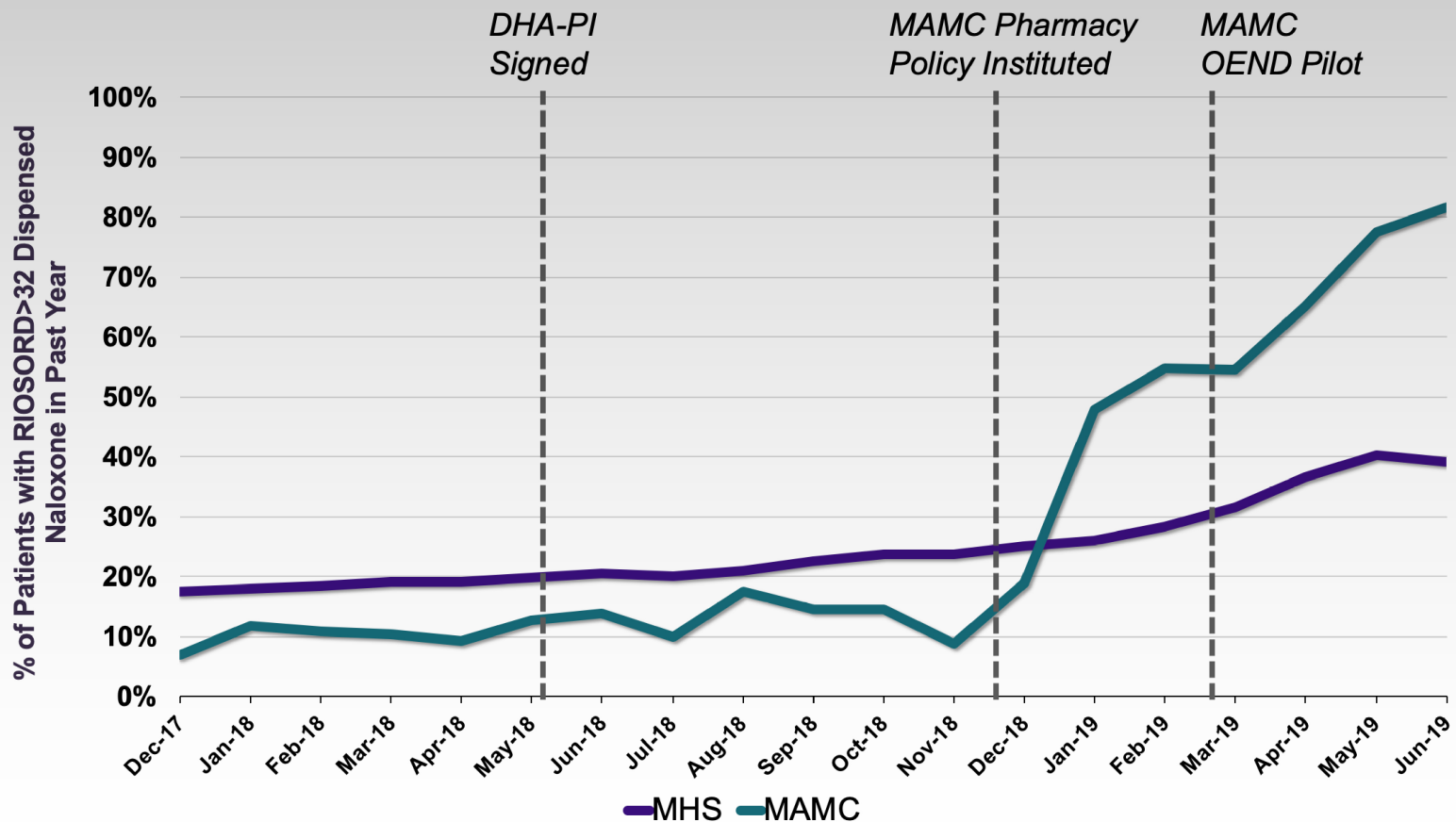
- **Policy Alignment:**

- DoD/Veteran Affairs (VA) Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPG) for Opioid Therapy for Chronic Pain ([link](#))
- DHA-PI 6025.04: Pain Management and Opioid Safety in the Military Health System (MHS) ([link](#))
- DHA-PI 6025.07: Naloxone Prescribing and Dispensing by Pharmacists in Military Treatment Facilities (MTFs) ([link](#))



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Where We Are Now



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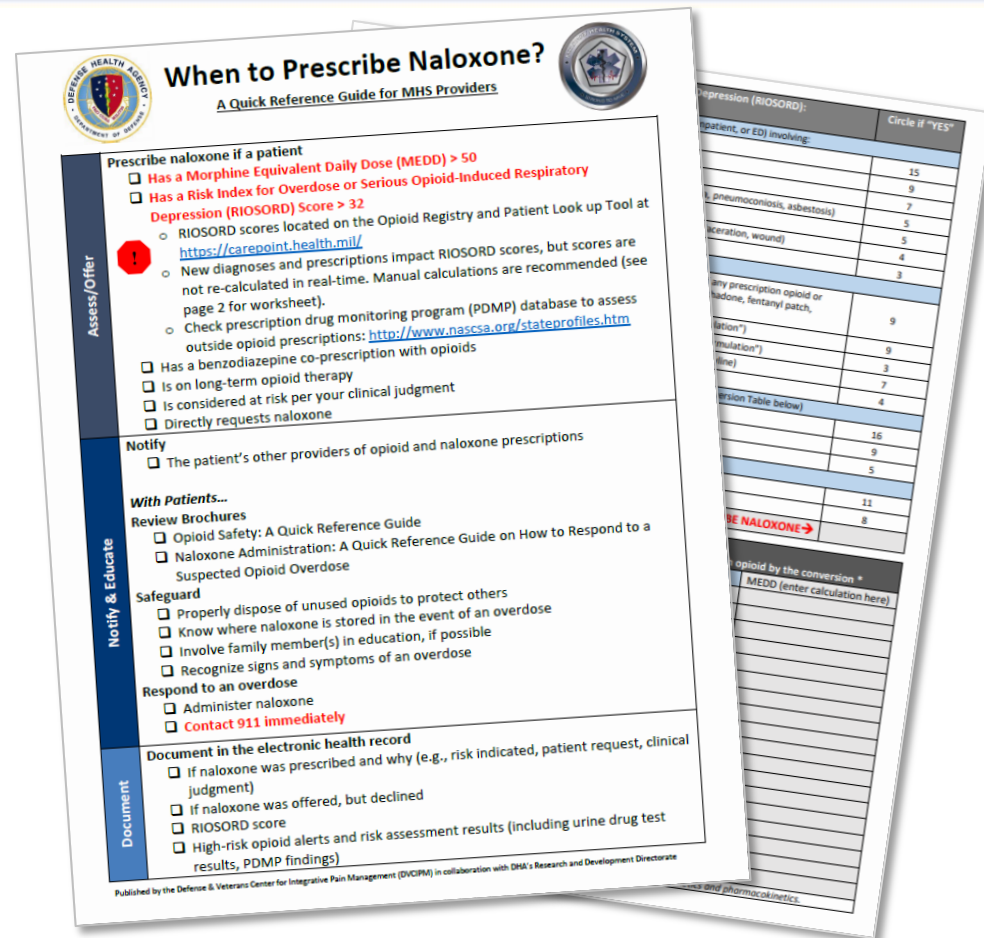
In Your Practice...



- Have you prescribed Naloxone in the past?
 - What prompted you to prescribe Naloxone?
 - Was the patient receptive?
 - What were some barriers you encountered?
- What strategies have you used to address patients' concerns?
 - What are some concerns you have about co-prescribing Naloxone to your patients?

Review the Quick Reference Guide

- Developed to help prescribers and pharmacists understand when and how to prescribe Naloxone



When to Prescribe Naloxone?
A Quick Reference Guide for MHS Providers

Assess/Offer

Prescribe naloxone if a patient

- ☐ Has a Morphine Equivalent Daily Dose (MEDD) > 50
- ☐ Has a Risk Index for Overdose or Serious Opioid-Induced Respiratory Depression (RIOSORD) Score > 32

Notify

- ☐ RIOSORD scores located on the Opioid Registry and Patient Look up Tool at <https://carepoint.health.mil/>
- ☐ New diagnoses and prescriptions impact RIOSORD scores, but scores are not re-calculated in real-time. Manual calculations are recommended (see page 2 for worksheet).
- ☐ Check prescription drug monitoring program (PDMP) database to assess outside opioid prescriptions: <http://www.nascsa.org/stateprofiles.htm>
- ☐ Has a benzodiazepine co-prescription with opioids
- ☐ Is on long-term opioid therapy
- ☐ Is considered at risk per your clinical judgment
- ☐ Directly requests naloxone

With Patients...

Review Brochures

- ☐ Opioid Safety: A Quick Reference Guide
- ☐ Naloxone Administration: A Quick Reference Guide on How to Respond to a Suspected Opioid Overdose

Safeguard

- ☐ Properly dispose of unused opioids to protect others
- ☐ Know where naloxone is stored in the event of an overdose
- ☐ Involve family member(s) in education, if possible
- ☐ Recognize signs and symptoms of an overdose

Respond to an overdose

- ☐ Administer naloxone
- ☐ Contact 911 immediately

Document

Document in the electronic health record

- ☐ If naloxone was prescribed and why (e.g., risk indicated, patient request, clinical judgment)
- ☐ If naloxone was offered, but declined
- ☐ RIOSORD score
- ☐ High-risk opioid alerts and risk assessment results (including urine drug test results, PDMP findings)

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Depression (RIOSORD):

patient, or ED) involving:	Circle if "YES"
	15
	9
(, pneumoconiosis, asbestosis)	7
	5
accident, wound)	5
	4
	3
any prescription opioid or heroin, fentanyl patch, (injection")	9
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	5
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MEDD (enter calculation here)

Review the Quick Reference Guide



- Assess/Offer
 - RIOSORD > 32
 - MEDD ≥ 50
 - Opioid/Benzodiazepine combination use
 - On long-term opioid therapy
 - Is considered at risk per your clinical judgment
 - Patient directly requests Naloxone

Review the Quick Reference Guide



- Notify & Educate
 - Inform patient's other providers of Naloxone prescriptions
 - Review Brochures
 - Opioid Safety: A Quick Reference Guide
 - Naloxone Administration: A Quick Reference guide on how to Respond to a Suspected Opioid Overdose
 - Safeguard
 - Proper disposal of opioid medications
 - Storage Naloxone
 - Involve family member(s) in education, if possible
 - Recognize signs and symptoms of an overdose
 - Respond to an overdose
 - Administer Naloxone
 - Contact 911 immediately
- Document in the electronic health record

Quick Reference Guide: RIOSORD and MEDD Assessment Tools



- CarePoint Patient- Look Up tool
- Option to manually calculate two key indicators for whether your patient should be prescribed Naloxone:
 - RIOSORD Score > 32
 - MEDD ≥ 50

Risk Index for Overdose or Serious Opioid-Induced Respiratory Depression (RIOSORD): Calculate risk by completing RIOSORD assessment	Circle if "YES"
In the past 6 months, has the patient had a health care visit (outpatient, inpatient, or ED) involving:	
• Opioid dependence?	15
• Chronic hepatitis of cirrhosis?	9
• Bipolar disorder or schizophrenia?	7
• Chronic pulmonary disease? (e.g., emphysema, chronic bronchitis, asthma, pneumoconiosis, asbestosis)	5
• Chronic kidney disease with clinical significant renal impairment?	5
• Active traumatic injury, excluding burns? (fracture, dislocation, contusion, laceration, wound)	4
• Sleep apnea?	3
Does the patient consume:	
• Extended release or long acting (ER/LA) formulation: An ER/LA formulation of any prescription opioid or opioid with long and/or variable half-life? (e.g., OxyContin, Oramorph-SR, methadone, fentanyl patch, levorphanol)	9
• Methadone? (Methadone is a long-acting opioid, so also circle for "ER/LA formulation")	9
• Oxycodone? (If it has an ER/LA formulation [OxyContin], also circle for "ER/LA formulation")	3
• A prescription antidepressant? (e.g., fluoxetine, citalopram, venlafaxine, amitriptyline)	7
• A prescription benzodiazepine? (e.g., diazepam, alprazolam)	4
Is the patient's current maximum prescribed opioid dose: (Use Opioid Daily Dose Conversion Table below)	
• ≥100 mg morphine equivalents per day?	16
• 50 – <100 mg morphine equivalents per day?	9
• 20 – <50 mg morphine equivalents per day?	5
In the past 6 months, has the patient:	
• Had 1 or more ED visits?	11
• Been hospitalized for 1 or more days?	8
TOTAL SCORE (add up "YES" response values).	If score > 32, PRESCRIBE NALOXONE →

Opioid Daily Dose Conversion Table: Calculate Morphine Equivalent Daily Dose (MEDD) by multiplying daily dose for each opioid by the conversion *		
Type of Opioid (doses in mg/day except where noted)	Conversion Factor	MEDD (enter calculation here)
• Buprenorphine patch	12.6	
• Buprenorphine tab or film	10	
• Butorphanol (Stadol)	7	
• Codeine	0.15	
• Fentanyl transdermal (in mcg/hr)	2.4	
• Hydrocodone	1	
• Hydromorphone	4	
• Meperidine	0.1	
• Methadone		
○ 1-20 mg/day	4	
○ 21-40 mg/day	8	
○ 41-60 mg/day	10	
○ ≥ 61-80 mg/day	12	
• Morphine	1	
• Oxycodone	1.5	
• Oxymorphone	3	
• Tapentadol IR	0.4	
• Tramadol	0.1	

*These dose conversions are estimated and cannot account for all individual differences in genetics and pharmacokinetics.

Quick Reference Guide

CASE STUDY



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Case Example

Patient John Smith comes in for an outpatient visit regarding his chronic lower back pain.

He has been on hydrocodone for about a year. He requests a renewal of his prescription.

You have not yet established an account in CarePoint but want to determine if you should prescribe Naloxone.

He currently has a prescription for citalopram for mild depression.

His current average daily opioid dosage is 52 mg morphine equivalent dosage per day.

The patient had one emergency department visit 4 months ago and was hospitalized for 3 days.



Based on the information provided, what is John's RIOSORD score?

Risk Index for Overdose or Serious Opioid-Induced Respiratory Depression (RIOSORD): Calculate risk by completing RIOSORD assessment		Circle if "YES"
In the past 6 months, has the patient had a health care visit (outpatient, inpatient, or ED) involving:		
• Opioid dependence?	15	
• Chronic hepatitis or cirrhosis?	9	
• Bipolar disorder or schizophrenia?	7	
• Chronic pulmonary disease? (e.g., emphysema, chronic bronchitis, asthma, pneumoconiosis, asbestosis)	5	
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• Active traumatic injury, excluding burns? (fracture, dislocation, contusion, laceration, wound)	4	
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Is the patient's current maximum prescribed opioid dose: (Use Opioid Daily Dose Conversion Table below)		
• >100 mg morphine equivalents per day?	16	
• 50-100 mg morphine equivalents per day?	9	
• 20-50 mg morphine equivalents per day?	5	
In the past 6 months, has the patient:		
• Had 1 or more ED visits?	11	
• Been hospitalized for 1 or more days?	8	
TOTAL SCORE (add up "YES" response values).	If score > 32, PRESCRIBE NALOXONE→	35

Myths and Facts

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Question 1

True or False?

- My patient does not have an addiction problem, so they are not at risk for an opioid overdose.

Question 1



- **False:** Even if your patient does not abuse their medication, accidental overdoses can happen and Naloxone is an important safety precaution that helps keep them and their loved ones safe.
- While your patient may not seem like they are at risk for an overdose, having a RIOSORD > 32 indicates that they may have a combination of smaller risk factors that puts them at a greater overall risk.

Question 2

True or False?

- If I inform patients that Naloxone is available, this will **not** encourage them to abuse drugs.

Question 2



- **True:** Studies report that Naloxone does not encourage drug use. In some cases, Naloxone has been shown to decrease drug use. Naloxone blocks the effects of opioids and can produce unpleasant withdrawal symptoms.
 - Following a successful overdose reversal, a patient can access additional treatment options that they may not have considered previously.

Question 3



True or False?

- My patients that are active duty service members will be flagged or placed on a “list” if they are co-prescribed Naloxone.

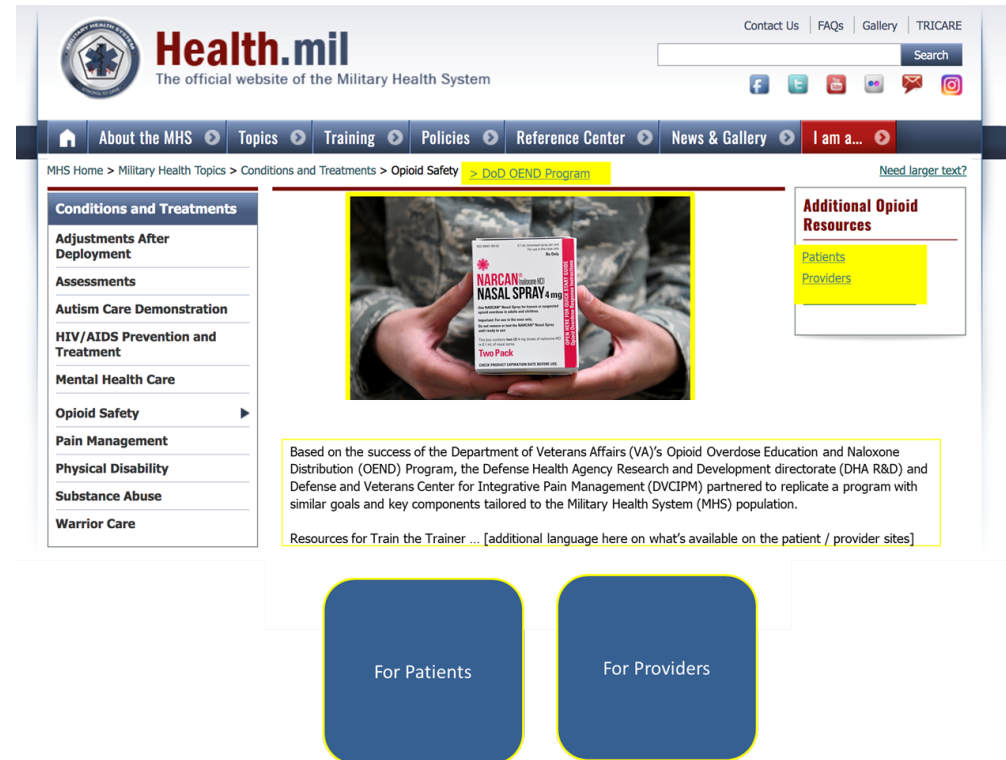
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- **False:** The policy for administering Naloxone applies to the entire MHS. MTF Commanders should ensure that their MTF implements this policy and service members should not encounter any issues for having a Naloxone prescription.

Additional Resources

- The OEND page provides additional resources for patients, caregivers, prescribers, and pharmacists, such as:
 - Training Resources
 - CarePoint Instructions
 - The Quick Reference Guide:
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NALOXONE NASAL SPRAY

Based on the success of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)'s Opioid Overdose Education and Naloxone Distribution (OEND) Program, the Defense Health Agency Research and Development directorate (DHA R&D) and Defense and Veterans Center for Integrative Pain Management (DVCIPM) partnered to replicate a program with similar goals and key components tailored to the Military Health System (MHS) population.

Resources for Train the Trainer ... [additional language here on what's available on the patient / provider sites]

For Patients

For Providers

Key Takeaways



- For many pain conditions, opioids do not provide superior pain relief compared with non-opioid therapies. Explore safer, non-opioid therapies before considering opioids
- If opioids are used, implement measures to mitigate risk
- If a controlled substance does not have an expiration date written on the prescription, the prescription is invalid after 6 months after the last fill date
- CarePoint is a tool available to assess opioid therapy related risks and identify patients who need Naloxone co-prescribed
- Prescribing Naloxone is standard best practice

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