



## NEONATAL MEDICATION PROTOCOLS

**NALOXONE**  
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<b>DRUG:</b>	<b>NALOXONE</b>
<b>PRESENTATION:</b>	Ampoule: 400 microgram/mL
<b>ACTION &amp; INDICATION:</b>	Opiate antagonist indicated for the reversal of opiate intoxication.
<b>DOSE:</b>	Initial dose: 100 microgram/kg  Repeat dose: 100 microgram/kg every 2-3 minutes until desired level of reversal is reached.
<b>PREPARATION:</b>	<b>DO NOT DILUTE</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATION:</b>	Give IV over 3 minutes Intramuscular, SC: As per NCCU policy.  Onset of action: IV: within 2-3 minutes IM/SC: within 2-5 minutes
<b>ADVERSE EFFECTS:</b>	May precipitate acute withdrawal symptoms in babies of opiate dependent mothers.  Nausea, vomiting, sedation.
<b>COMMENTS:</b>	Monitor respiratory rate, heart rate, blood pressure.  Use with caution in patients with cardiac irritability.
<b>REFERENCES:</b>	Pediatrics 1989;83:803  Paediatric Pharmacopoeia 13 <sup>th</sup> Ed Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne  Neofax 2008
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