

# Treatment of Loss of Consciousness By RN Before PCP Available Algorithm

Assess Patient, Check ABCs, Vital Signs (Utilize Code Sheet)

If indicated CPR/AED/ Call Emergency Response

Note: For Suspected Trauma Including Neck, Head, Face, Hanging, Place Hard Cervical Collar & Backboard

Assess breathing & support respirations as needed w/ rescue breaths /BVM

Refer to Non-Patient Specific Standing Order for Unconscious Victim and Naloxone (Narcan)

Activate EMS

Administer 2mg Naloxone (Narcan) IM,  
Continue to Reassess Patient Including Vital Signs, Signs & Symptoms of opiate overdose after every dose

If Still Unresponsive Repeat up to 4 Times MAX (every 2-3 minutes) (MAX Dose 10mg)

(This should happen while administering Naloxone)  
Call Provider to obtain order for Oxygen, IV and Fingerstick and possible EKG  
AND Activate Telemed if available

Administer O2 @ 15L Via Nonrebreather Mask (Per Provider Order)

Start IV: Infuse .9% Sodium Chloride @ 15 ml per minute (Per Provider Order)

Did the Patient Respond?

If patient responding to Treatment

Signs and Symptoms of Opiate Overdose:

- Slow, shallow or absent breathing
- Minimal or complete lack of responsiveness to stimuli such as vigorous rubbing on the sternum with knuckles
- Non-sleep apnea-associated gasping for air when apparently sleeping or unusual snoring
- Cyanosis secondary to hypoxia presenting as pale or bluish skin, particularly around the nail beds and lips
- Slow heartbeat, low blood pressure
- Presence of drug paraphernalia including syringes and cookers or residual drugs or pill bottles near or on the overdosed person
- Some of these opiates give pinpoint pupils and sluggish papillary reaction
- Cold and clammy skin
- Sedation

If Patient not responding to Treatment

Check Finger Stick (Per Provider Order)

FS < 100

FS ≥ 100

Administer Glucagon IM AS Per Provider Order  
(Usual Dose: Glucagon 1mg IM)  
May repeat X1

Consider Other Causes for Unconsciousness

Feed as soon as possible After Awakening (Per Diabetes Guideline)

Continue to support ABCs and CPR if indicated until EMS arrives

Await Transport via Ambulance to an Acute Care Emergency Department

Notify on call provider of the event