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Factsheet SWEDEN

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General information	Geographical coverage	National. Naloxone programmes are implemented in 13 of 21 regions. Most other regions are in progress.
	Type of Intervention	Regular implementation
	Starting year	2018
	Settings	Community

Regulatory challenges	Prescription	The national guidelines, published in November 2018, stipulate that – besides medical doctors – nurses are also allowed to prescribe and hand out naloxone to patients at risk from overdose.
	Distribution	Naloxone can be distributed directly to the patient, which means that the patient does not have to go to a pharmacy (since March 2018).
	Administration	Health care professionals, trained laypeople (since August 2018) as well as emergency staff can administer naloxone.
	Barriers	N/A

Medication	Product(s) used	Nyxoid ® Prenoxad ®
	Application	Nasal Intramuscular
	Content of THN Kit	N/A
	Number of doses per kit	2 atomizers (Nyxoid), 1 pre-filled 2ml syringe (5 doses of 0.4mg) (Prenoxad)

Distribution, refill and post-training monitoring	Distribution of THN	The aim is to provide naloxone within health care, social services, prisons, at needle and syringe programmes and through opioid substitution treatment (OST) centers. The most common setting where naloxone is handed out are needle and syringe programmes and OST centers.
	Mandatory training	Yes. National information packets on overdose risk and overdose treatment have been developed for people who use drugs and their relatives, and for professionals.
	Content of training	How to recognize an overdose How to administer Naloxone CPR Overdose risks
	Training format	* individual training * group training
	Content of questionnaire for refill	N/A
	Post-training monitoring	N/A

Performance and resources	Inception and training development	Education of nurses (as multipliers who educate people who use opioids): 4 hours Education to people who use opioids: 10-15 minutes per person (in groups of maximum 5). The number of persons eligible for naloxone trainings has been estimated at 10 652 in 2017 (patients in OST, prisons, and needle syringe programmes).
	Implementation and monitoring	N/A
	Price of THN kits	42 euros for a two-pack Nyxoid.
	Source of funding	Programme Nyxoid is included in the high-cost threshold, which means that is subsidised. The state pays a part of the costs and the maximum yearly cost for the patient is 107 euros. Some regions hand out naloxone free of charge.
	Training (if different)	N/A

Additional information	Project reports, evaluations and scientific papers	N/A
	Training materials	<p>For professionals who meet people who use opioids (in Swedish) https://www.socialstyrelsen.se/globalassets/sharepoint-dokument/dokument-webb/ovrigt/missbruk-och-beroende-samtalsstod-naloxonforskrivning-utbildning.pdf</p> <p>For those who are at risk of an opioid overdose and their relatives (in Swedish) https://www.socialstyrelsen.se/globalassets/sharepoint-dokument/artikelkatalog/ovrigt/2019-1-4.pdf</p> <p>Pocket sized folder on naloxone to those who use opioids and their relatives (in Swedish) https://www.socialstyrelsen.se/globalassets/sharepoint-dokument/artikelkatalog/ovrigt/2019-1-6.pdf</p> <p>Poster on how to recognize an overdose (in Swedish) https://www.socialstyrelsen.se/globalassets/sharepoint-dokument/dokument-webb/ovrigt/naloxon-a4-affisch-kann-igen-en-overdos.pdf</p> <p>Poster on how to act when someone overdoses (in Swedish) https://www.socialstyrelsen.se/globalassets/sharepoint-dokument/dokument-webb/ovrigt/naloxon-a4-affisch-overdos-gor-sa-har.pdf</p>
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