### Administering Nasal Naloxone (Narcan®)

**VERY IMPORTANT:**
Remember, naloxone only works if there are opioids involved with the overdose; it will not reverse an overdose resulting solely from cocaine, speed, benzos, alcohol or other non-opioid based drugs.

**To administer nasal naloxone:**

1. If the person isn’t breathing, do rescue breathing for a few quick breaths **first**.

2. Next, affix the nasal atomizer (the soft white piece) to the needleless syringe and then assemble the glass cartridge of naloxone (see diagram).

3. Tilt the person’s head back and spray half of the naloxone up one side of the nose (1cc) and half up the other side of the nose (1cc). Don’t worry if it isn’t exactly half per side.

4. If the person isn’t breathing or breathing continues to be shallow, **continue to perform rescue breathing** for them while waiting for the naloxone to take effect.

5. If there is no change in about 3 minutes, administer another dose of naloxone following the steps above and continue to breathe for the person. If the second dose of naloxone does not revive them, something else is wrong—either it has been too long and the heart has already stopped, there are no opioids in their system, non-opioid drugs are the primary cause of overdose (even if they have also taken opioids), or the opioids are unusually strong and require more naloxone (can happen with Fentanyl, for example).

6. Once naloxone has been delivered, it is important to continue rescue breathing until help arrives.