

SAMPLE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The following is a sample policy for overdose prevention and naloxone prescription at a large city methadone clinic:

1. All current clients will be offered OD prevention and management education including naloxone.
2. For new patients, one of three weekly orientation group sessions is dedicated to OD prevention and management education. This mandatory session includes optional naloxone training and distribution.
3. Provision of OD prevention and management education plus naloxone shall be provided by staff (physicians, nurses, counselors, or other staff) in accordance with OD prevention and education procedures.
4. Clients will receive support for any OD-related trauma. Support will be integrated into individual or group substance abuse counseling.