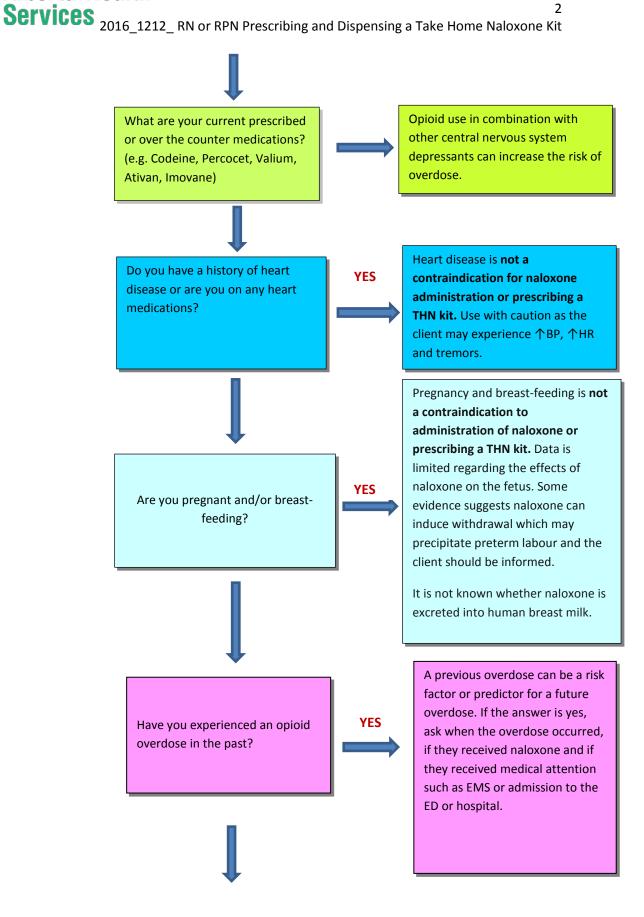


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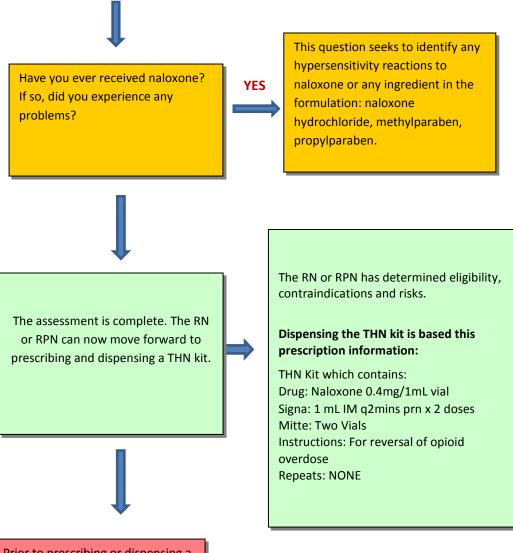
The following flow chart is designed to complement the Clinical Decision Support Tool and guide your assessment to identify risk factors for opioid overdose. Any person who uses an If the answer is NO opioid is at risk of an then the client may Assess client opioid use: ask about current overdose. Naloxone is a or previous opioid use. Do you currently safe and effective antidote not qualify for a THN use or have you ever used opioids? to opioid overdose. kit. **Continue with further** assessment of risk of Yes opioid overdose. What do you use? Any person who uses an opioid is at risk of an How long have you been using? overdose whether that is (years, months, weeks, days, one one time or continuous use time) for many years. Intravenous drug use increases the risk of How do you use these drugs? overdose however all routes (snort, swallow, inject, smoke, of administration carry risk other) of overdose. Opioid use in combination with other central nervous system What other drugs or substances do depressants can increase the you use? risk of overdose and negative outcomes. Fentanyl may be hiding in other drugs people are using or be falsely sold as oxycodone. Have you been recently Reduced or discontinued use decreases the client's drug discharged from a detox or YES tolerance and increases the risk of addiction treatment facility or a Corrections facility? overdose as the client's body cannot adjust.







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Prior to prescribing or dispensing a THN kit the RN or RPN must:

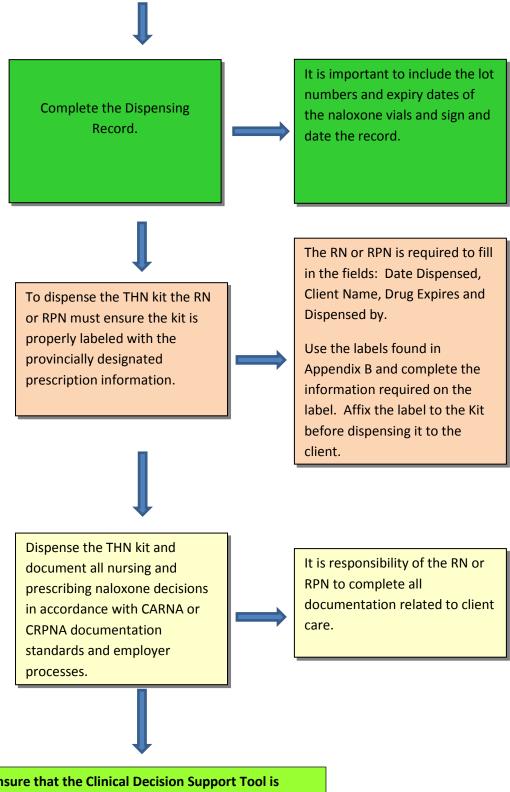
- Complete client education about opioid overdose prevention, recognition and response
- Address any questions or knowledge gaps
- Offer support and resources
- Ensure the THN Kit contains all contents
- Check the expiry date of the Naloxone vials and alert the client of the expiry date. Provide information on where they can obtain a replacement kit.

See the Take Home Naloxone Knowledge Checklist for a list of objectives that must be reviewed by the RN or RPN with the client prior to prescribing or dispensing a kit.

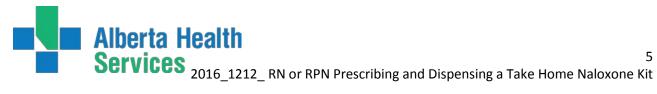
For a complete list of the THN Kit contents (See Appendix A)



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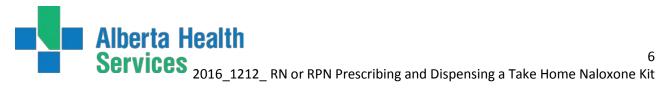
Ensure that the Clinical Decision Support Tool is completed, signed and placed in the Health Record.



Appendix A

Take Home Naloxone Kit Contents

- 2 vials of naloxone of 0.4mg/1mL
- 2 syringes
 - o 3mL 25g x 1"
- 2 alcohol swabs
- 2 gloves (non-latex)
- One-way rescue breathing barrier mask
- THN brochure how to respond to opioid overdose
- THN kit label provincially designated prescription information



Appendix B Label for the THN Kits

Client Name: Date Dispensed: Dispensed by:

OMEGA: 1mL Naloxone 0.4mg/mL vial x 2 vials Sterile Soln for IM inj Drug expires:

INJECT 0.4mg INTRAMUSCULARLY EVERY 2 MINUTES AS NEEDED x 2 DOSES For reversal of opioid overdose **NO refills**

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