

**Date:** December 29, 2015  
**To:** North Zone Physicians  
**From:** Dr. Albert de Villiers, North Zone Naloxone Planning Group  
**RE:** Take Home Naloxone Program

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## **Background**

The risk to Albertans from opioid drugs is very real; in the first nine months of 2015 there were 1,173 emergency department visits related to an opioid overdose and 213 fentanyl-related deaths. Currently, take home naloxone (THN) kits are available through harm reduction agencies across the province.

The North Zone will be offering Naloxone kits throughout the zone in identified Addiction and Mental Health Clinics, Primary Care and Family Care Centres, and Public Health Centres. In January, 2016, we will be providing a detailed list of where kits will be available.

## **Your Role**

If you would like to participate and register your clinic as a THN kit distribution site, go to the [Take Home Naloxone Program](#) online toolkit. This website includes information for sites and prescribers, steps in getting started, e-learning module, presentations for trainers, client resources, and kit tracking and reporting documents.

## **Training and Education**

Physicians and RNs can complete the e-learning module (link provided in the online toolkit). Following a recent Ministerial Order ([College & Association of Registered Nurses of Alberta](#)) RNs will be able to prescribe, administer naloxone and dispense the THN kits if they have completed the e-learning module.

In addition to the e-learning module, all North Zone healthcare professionals are encouraged to participate in one of the videoconference education sessions which will provide an opportunity to ask questions to support and advise their specific areas of practice. The sessions will include a panel discussion. Dates and times are:

January 25 from 9:00-10:30	January 26 from 1:00-2:30
January 27 from 8:30–10:00	January 29 from 9:00-10:30

## **Additional Information**

For any other questions related to the program generally, please visit: [Take Home Naloxone Program](#) or email: [naloxone.kit@ahs.ca](mailto:naloxone.kit@ahs.ca).

For specific questions regarding North Zone implementation plan, please contact **Norine Kostick**, Executive Assistant to the Zone Lead Medical Officer of Health, North Zone [norine.kostick@ahs.ca](mailto:norine.kostick@ahs.ca); tel. 780 513-7550 alt tel. 780 342-0192

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