

TAKE – HOME NALOXONE IN THE ACT: PARTICIPANTS KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE POST TRAINING

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NALOXONE POSSESSION AND USE

- 82% REPORTED STILL POSSESSED SOME NALOXONE
- 47% HAD ADMINISTERED NALOXONE DURING AN OVERDOSE EVENT
- 98% ADMINISTERED NALOXONE DURING THE LAST WITNESSED OVERDOSE EVENT
- IN ALL CASES OF NALOXONE ADMINISTRATION, THE VICTIM SURVIVED

WHERE WAS THEIR NALOXONE OBTAINED?

- 92% OF RESPONDENTS OBTAINED NALOXONE FROM THE PROGRAM
- 50% KNEW THAT THEY COULD ACCESS NALOXONE FROM THEIR GP
- 20% KNEW THAT THEY COULD PURCHASE NALOXONE AT PHARMACIES

CONFIDENCE IN RECOGNISING AND RESPONDING EFFECTIVELY TO AN OVERDOSE (N=45)

| | Yes | | Maybe | | No | |
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| | % | n | % | n | % | n |
| Do you feel confident you would recognise an opioid overdose? | 73 | 33 | 22 | 10 | 4 | 2 |
| Do you know how to manage an opioid overdose? | 71 | 32 | 27 | 12 | 2 | 1 |
| Would you call the ambulance in an opioid overdose situation? | 76 | 34 | 24 | 11 | 0 | 0 |

TAKE HOME MESSAGES

- THE ACT NALOXONE PROGRAM HAS TRAINED PEOPLE TO EFFECTIVELY RESPOND TO OPIOID OVERDOSE
- IF PEOPLE ARE LOSING CONFIDENCE IN THE CAPABILITIES OVER TIME, THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO ENCOURAGE BRIEF REFRESHER TRAINING
- EDUCATION IS NEEDED FOR PHARMACISTS AND THE PUBLIC TO INCREASE KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE ACCESSIBILITY OF NALOXONE IN PHARMACIES