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CLINICAL BULLETIN

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85	Nalmefene (OPVEE brand name)			February 28, 2024
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On January 24, 2024, the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services announced statewide availability of a new overdose reversal medication nalmefene or OPVEE. This medication is approved for over-the-counter use by the public. Like naloxone, nalmefene is an opioid reversal medication that can be used to prevent opioid overdose deaths and reverse the effects of an overdose. Nalmefene provides fast onset and long duration reversal of opioid-induced respiratory depression, which makes it well-suited for reversing highly potent opioids such as fentanyl.

- Nalmefene is indicated for opioid overdoses for persons aged 12 or older, to be sprayed into one nostril with a repeat dose every 2 – 5 minutes with a new sprayer while symptoms persist. It is currently packaged as a prefilled 2.7 mg nasal spray, similar to naloxone.
- EMS providers may encounter individuals who have had nalmefene administered to them as an overdose victim.
 - **Prior administration of nalmefene to a patient that is now in EMS care should not change clinical decision making and the utilization of medications and treatment modalities outlined in the NH Patient Care Protocols.**
- Nalmefene is NOT incorporated in the EMS medication formulary. EMS providers are NOT authorized to administer the medication to an overdose patient (Opioid Overdose protocol) nor can the medication be left behind (Leave – Behind protocol) at this time. Nalmefene will be part of future discussions with the NH Medical Control Board and where it fits within State of New Hampshire Patient Care Protocols.

If you have any questions, please contact the Division of Fire Standards and Training & Emergency Medical Services Captain of Clinical Systems at 603-223-4200.