

OVERDOSE LIFESAVER: NARCAN NOW OTC FOR ALL

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STEP INTO YOUR LOCAL PHARMACY, AND YOU MAY NOTICE A NEW PRODUCT ON THE SHELVES.

THE TREATMENT USED TO COUNTERACT OPIOID OVERDOSES ...CALLED "NARCAN" ... IS NOW AVAILABLE OVER-THE-COUNTER.

{**TAKE VO**}

MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED AMERICANS DIE OF OVERDOSES EVERY DAY AND MOST ARE OPIOID RELATED.

PART OF THE F-D-A'S RESPONSE TO THIS PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS IS TO MAKE THE OVERDOSE-REVERSAL NASAL SPRAY EASIER TO GET.

INTERNAL MEDICINE DOCTOR TRESA (TREE-SUH) MCNEAL SAYS PEOPLE WHO OVERDOSE USUALLY HAVE SLOW AND IRREGULAR BREATHING ... AND THAT'S A GOOD TIME TO ADMINISTER NARCAN AND CALL 9-1-1.

{**TAKE SOT**}

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"The good news is with Narcan becoming available over the counter, you can actually be prepared to take action for someone that you might see having symptoms, because Naloxone helps to reverse these."

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DR MCNEAL SAYS IT'S BETTER 'SAFE THAN SORRY'.

EVEN IF THE PERSON IS NOT OVERDOSING ... ADMINISTERING NARCAN WILL NOT CAUSE HARM.

THE SPRAY IS NOW ON SHELVES AT MOST SUPER STORES.