

 <p>TBI <i>Tennessee Bureau of Investigation</i></p> <p><i>“That guilt shall not escape nor innocence suffer”</i></p> <p><i>Director Mark Gwyn</i></p>	<p align="center"><u>TBI WRITTEN POLICY</u></p> <p align="center">8-1-011</p>	<p align="center">CALEA/ASCLD/LAB STANDARDS</p>   <p>CALEA Standards: None</p>
<p align="center"><u>Subject</u></p> <p align="center">Naloxone Policy</p>	<p align="center"><u>Related References</u></p> <p align="center">TCA § 63-1-152</p>	<p align="center"><u>Forms/Attachments</u></p> <p align="center">BI-0272 Naloxone Incident Report</p>

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this written policy is to establish guidelines and regulations governing the utilization of naloxone (Evzio) by trained personnel within the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (“TBI”). The objective is to treat and reduce injuries and fatalities due to opioid-involved overdoses.

POLICY

It is the policy of the TBI that all special agents assigned to the drug division, violent crime scene response team members, evidence intake technicians, forensic scientists in the drug chemistry unit, and other positions at the Director’s discretion (“personnel”) are required to be trained in the use of naloxone, specifically Evzio, by the TBI. Personnel may possess and administer naloxone so long as he or she has been trained by the TBI and has a valid prescription from a licensed healthcare practitioner otherwise authorized to prescribe an opioid antagonist. TCA § 63-1-152 provides protection for non-medical individuals from liability when administering naloxone to reverse an opioid overdose.

TRAINING

- A. All participating special agents, violent crime scene response team members, evidence intake technicians, and participating forensic scientist will receive initial training that shall include:
1. an overview of TCA § 63-1-152 that permits a person in a position to assist a person at risk of experiencing an opioid-involved overdose to use naloxone;
 2. patient assessment, including signs and symptoms of opiate-related overdose;
 3. universal precautions;
 4. rescue breathing;

5. seeking medical assistance;
 6. administration of Evzio;
 7. the potential side effects of naloxone; and
 8. naloxone use on pediatric patients.
- B. All newly hired personnel in the above mentioned positions shall receive the initial training within ninety (90) days of his or her first day of employment.
- C. All participants shall be trained annually on naloxone administration.
- D. Upon successful completion of naloxone training, a qualified physician under contract with the TBI shall prescribe naloxone for the trained personnel.
- E. The TBI will identify an individual to be the coordinator for the naloxone administration program. Responsibilities include:
1. maintaining training Records for personnel;
 2. assuring the supply, integrity and expiration dates of the Evzio naloxone kits; and
 3. assuring the maintenance of the administration records.

NALOXONE USE

- A. Trained TBI personnel shall request an ambulance to respond to the scene where the aided is in a potential overdose situation.
- B. Trained TBI personnel shall use universal precautions for protection from blood borne pathogens and communicable diseases when administering naloxone.
- C. Trained TBI personnel will determine need for treatment with naloxone by evaluating the aided: if the aided is unresponsive with decreased or absent respirations he or she should administer naloxone following the established training guidelines.
- D. Trained TBI personnel shall use proper technique when administering naloxone; aided individuals who are revived from an opioid overdose may regain consciousness in an agitated and combative state and may exhibit symptoms associated with withdrawal.
- E. Trained TBI personnel shall remain with the aided until EMS personnel arrive.
- F. Trained TBI personnel who administer Evzio shall inform EMS personnel upon their arrival that naloxone has been administered.
- G. Trained TBI personnel who administer Evzio will complete a naloxone incident report.

MAINTENANCE/REPLACEMENT

- A. Evzio naloxone kits shall be carried and or kept in a manner consistent with proper storage guidelines for temperature and sunlight exposure.

- B. A monthly inspection of the naloxone kit shall be the responsibility of the personnel assigned the equipment.
- C. Used, lost, damaged, or expired naloxone kits shall be reported to the TBI through the chain of command and will be replaced at the discretion of the Director.
- D. Expired naloxone will be properly disposed of according to agency and/or FDA policy.

DOCUMENTATION

- A. Following naloxone administration, TBI personnel shall submit a report to his or her supervisor or Special Agent in Charge detailing the following:
 - 1. the nature of the incident;
 - 2. the care the patient received; and
 - 3. the fact that the naloxone was administered.
- B. The naloxone incident report may be submitted via hardcopy or electronically.
- C. Personnel who administer Evzio shall generate a case number for the incident regardless if the naloxone is administered to a citizen or a TBI employee. A copy of the incident report shall be included in the case file.