

## WHAT IS AN OPIOID OVERDOSE PREVENTION PROGRAM (OOPP)?

New York State legislation allows lay persons to obtain, carry, and administer naloxone. In 2006, the New York State Department of Health AIDS Institute created the Opioid Overdose Prevention Program (OOPP), allowing eligible organizations or providers to register as OOPPs and provide free naloxone to their clients or patients. Eligible entities include (but are not limited to) health care facilities and practitioners, drug treatment programs, community-based organizations, and homeless shelters. Once registered, programs receive free naloxone from the City or State health department for distribution.

## WHY REGISTER AS AN OOPP?

- Opioid overdose deaths have reached epidemic levels in New York City (NYC). In 2016, there were 1,374 unintentional overdose deaths in NYC, compared with 937 overdose deaths in 2015.<sup>1</sup>
- In 2016, 44% of all overdose deaths involved fentanyl.<sup>1</sup> To date, fentanyl has been present in more than half of confirmed overdose deaths in 2017.<sup>2</sup>
- On average, someone dies of a drug overdose in NYC every seven hours.
- Naloxone saves lives.

## REQUIREMENTS FOR OOPP REGISTRATION

- Designation of a Program Director
- Designation of a Clinical Director (MD, NP, or PA)
- Designation of site(s) where program will operate

## LIABILITY PROTECTION

- For prescribing naloxone to persons who are at risk of experiencing an opioid-related overdose
- For prescribing naloxone to persons who might witness an overdose and administer the medication

## HOW TO REGISTER

Please complete the online registration form available here: <http://www.nyoverdose.org/Registration>. Follow the instructions at the bottom of this online form to complete your application.

For more information on becoming an OOPP, please visit [https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/aids/general/opioid\\_overdose\\_prevention/become\\_a\\_program.htm](https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/aids/general/opioid_overdose_prevention/become_a_program.htm) or email *Lara Maldjian, Overdose Prevention Coordinator*, at [Lmaldjian1@health.nyc.gov](mailto:Lmaldjian1@health.nyc.gov).

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

[http://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/aids/general/opioid\\_overdose\\_prevention/questions\\_answers.htm](http://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/aids/general/opioid_overdose_prevention/questions_answers.htm)

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<sup>1</sup> Paone D, Nolan ML, Tuazon E, Blachman-Forshay J. Unintentional Drug Poisoning (Overdose) Deaths in New York City, 2000–2016. New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene: Epi Data Brief (89); June 2017.

<sup>2</sup> New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. Unpublished overdose mortality data. 2017.