26 June 2018

Naloxone training for pharmacists

Naloxone saves lives!

In 2014, 384 Victorians died from drug overdose, of which 186 involved opioid analgesics and 135 involved heroin.[1] Drug overdoses in Victoria increased to almost 460 in 2016.[2] Naloxone is a life-saving medicine used for the treatment of opioid overdose, with minimal side-effects and no abuse potential.[3]

On 1 February 2016, Naloxone was rescheduled from Prescription-Only (Schedule 4) to Pharmacist-Only (Schedule 3) for use by peers, family members or carers as a first aid response to opioid overdose. Prenoxad® (Naloxone HCl 1mg/ml) is now available from wholesalers.

1. Coroners Court of Victoria 2014; 2. Australian Bureau of Statistics 2016; 3. COPE-Pennington Institute

Presenters

Christine Tindal – Mobile Drug Safety Worker, Carrington Health, Box Hill.

Overview

This workshop will provide information on Naloxone, including the application, administration and availability, as well as resources and supports available.

There will also be discussion about the experience so far of codeine rescheduling, as well as what might be expected from the upcoming implementation of SafeScript, Victoria's real-time prescription monitoring system.

Learning outcomes

This session will cover a wide range of issues including:
- overview of Naloxone and the available formulations
- how to recognise and respond to an opioid overdose
- when and to whom should Naloxone be sold?
- what resources and supports are available?.

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Event Details

Date: Tuesday 26 June 2018

Venue: Karralyka Centre
Mines Road
Ringwood East, 3135

Time: **6.30pm** registration and light supper
7.00 – 8.30pm session

Parking: Free and plentiful onsite parking

RSVP: Wednesday 20 June 2018

Cost: No fee, light catering provided

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