

# How Do I Get Naloxone?



## How do I get trained?

To get naloxone in Maryland, you must first complete a naloxone administration training certified by the Maryland Overdose Response Program (ORP). Certified entities that can host trainings include county health departments and non-profit organizations.

Naloxone trainings are one session trainings that last about 60-90 minutes. The trainings cover information on opioid use and how to recognize and respond to an overdose. Upon completion of the training, you will be given an ORP certificate to verify that you have been trained. The ORP certificate is valid for two years. After two years, you must complete refresher training to renew the certificate.

To locate a training entity near you, please visit [go.umd.edu/naloxonetrainers](http://go.umd.edu/naloxonetrainers). The University of Maryland hopes to offer naloxone trainings on campus starting in the Fall 2016 semester.

## Where can I get naloxone?

Naloxone is available at pharmacies, although not all pharmacies carry naloxone. A list of pharmacies in Maryland that carry naloxone can be found at <http://go.umd.edu/naloxonepharmacies>. You do not need a prescription to get naloxone, but you will need to show the pharmacist the ORP certificate you receive when you complete the naloxone training.

ORP is newer program in Maryland. If a pharmacist seems confused or says that they do not carry naloxone, please consider visiting another pharmacy from the list linked above.

The University of Maryland Health Center Pharmacy carries intranasal naloxone and atomizers. The closest off-campus pharmacy to campus that carries naloxone is the CVS Pharmacy located at 7939 New Hampshire Avenue, Langley Park, MD 20783.

## How much does it cost?

Enough naloxone for the immediate treatment of one overdose costs approximately \$40-75 for an intranasal product, and between \$30-600 for an injectable product. Intranasal naloxone is slightly more expensive than intramuscular naloxone due to the cost of the atomizer. However, many training entities provide naloxone and the necessary supplies for free upon completion of the training. Additionally, some, but not all, insurance companies cover the cost of naloxone. The State of Maryland's Overdose Response Program is currently working to increase coverage of naloxone by health care plans operating in the state.