

Suspected Opioid Overdose

Pulse?

No

ACLS Cardiac Arrest Algorithm  
**AND**  
Administer Narcan 2 mg IV up to 10 mg

Yes

**Airway** - Maintain patent airway, intubation equipment readily available  
**Breathing** - BVM for RR <10  
**Circulation** - Monitor pulse, IV access equipment readily available  
Is the patient's RR <10 or GCS <8?

No

Continue to ED observation pathway

Yes

Establish IV access and administer Narcan IN/IV/IM/IO  
◦ 0.4 mg IV/IM/IO  
◦ 4 mg IN if difficult IV access

RR <10?

No

Yes

Repeat naloxone dose Q3M in a step-wise fashion (i.e. 1 mg > 2 mg > 4 mg > 10 mg)

RR <10?

No

Yes

Consider alternate diagnoses,  
perform endotracheal intubation