

## Conversation Starters for Offering Naloxone:

Discussing and offering naloxone to a patient should be as familiar and simple as discussing and offering an influenza vaccine. However, some pharmacists may feel “uneasy” or “intrusive” about uttering the word naloxone with their patients. Truth be told, a simple conversation may save a life. The following are conversation starters that seek to assist you in sharing the benefits of having naloxone on hand with your patients.

1. Naloxone is a medication used like... (a fire extinguisher, a seat belt, an epinephrine pen). You don't ever plan to use it but it is there to save your life in case of emergency.
2. Nobody plans to have an accident; Naloxone is a medication to have on hand “just in case.”
3. Naloxone can save your life in case you have any unexpected side effects from the medication prescribed to you by your doctor.
4. Accidental opioid overdose happens more often than you think, even when taking medications correctly. Naloxone is a medication to have on hand in case of an accident.
5. Other medications you take, your health conditions, as well as alcohol can all change the way your body handles your opioid medications.
6. Having opioid medication in your house adds a risk for you and your loved ones. Naloxone is a medication that reduces that risk.
7. Accidental opioid medication ingestion is the #1 cause of poisoning death in kids according to Poison Control Centers. Naloxone is a medication to save kids' lives. (<http://www.poison.org/poison-statistics-national>)
8. 9 out of 10 unintentional poisoning deaths are a result of accidental medication overdose, especially from opioid pain medications such as methadone, hydrocodone or oxycodone. (<http://www.poison.org/poison-statistics-national>)