

Take-Home Naloxone: Creating Access & Saving Lives

Webinar | May 29, 2025 | 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

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PROGRAM SUMMARY

This webinar will provide hospitals with information about the Illinois Drug Overdose Prevention Program (DOPP), a resource designed by the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) to offer free take-home naloxone kits to at-risk individuals. Providing naloxone kits directly to patients with opioid use disorder who are at risk of a fatal overdose is a crucial step in harm reduction and overdose prevention.

This informational session will outline recent updates to the DOPP that have resulted in a streamlined and simplified hospital enrollment, ordering, and reporting process. Additionally, guidance will be provided on how hospitals can successfully implement a take-home naloxone program within their emergency departments and inpatient units.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

At the conclusion of the program, participants will be able to:

- Explain the scope of the overdose epidemic in Illinois and the importance of providing trauma-informed care to people experiencing opioid use disorder.
- Describe the benefits of implementing a take-home naloxone program using the improved and streamlined Illinois Drug Overdose Prevention Program (DOPP) ordering and reporting portal.
- Demonstrate how hospitals can implement a successful take-home naloxone program within their organizations through the application of practical strategies and lessons learned.
- Discuss common barriers to implementing a take-home naloxone program and identify solutions for addressing them.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

This webinar is designed for hospital and health system leaders including:

- Chief Medical Officers
- Chief Nursing Officers

- Chief Quality Officers and Quality Leaders
- Emergency Department Directors and Managers
- Obstetrics Directors and Managers
- Behavioral Health Leaders
- Patient Safety and Risk Leaders
- Midwest Alliance for Patient Safety Patient Safety Organization

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SPEAKERS

Samantha Alonis, MS

Deputy Director of the Bureau of Prevention Services, Illinois Department of Human Services – Division of Substance Use Prevention and Recovery

In her role, Alonis oversees youth substance use prevention, tobacco compliance, and overdose response programs. She has been in this role since March 2023 but has been a long-time advocate for systems change that could prevent health and social inequities. Samantha also serves as Illinois's National Prevention Network (NPN) Coordinator.

Samantha has 16 years of cross-sector experience in social services, local government, higher education, and health care. She began her career as a social worker in a residential center for children who had experienced severe abuse and neglect, where she observed that many of our systems and policies do little to prevent adverse childhood experiences and break cycles of intergenerational trauma. This motivated her to pursue a Master of Science in leadership and public policy so she could apply a trauma-informed and racial equity lens to public policies and transform our systems to advance health equity for young people. Before starting her current role, she led efforts to advance workplace inclusivity, trauma-informed care, and language accessibility in a healthcare system.

Hannah Klamm, MSN, RNC-OB, C-EFM
Obstetrics Outreach Educator, Northwest Illinois Perinatal Center

Hannah has 15 years of nursing experience with a specialty background in labor and delivery. Hannah is an obstetrics outreach educator with the Northwest Illinois Administrative Perinatal Center in Rockford, IL, and has previous experience as a nurse manager of a Level 3 Obstetrics unit in the Chicago Suburbs. She serves as a member of multiple committees, including the IDPH State Quality Committee, a subcommittee of the Perinatal Advisory Committee, and the Illinois Chapter of The Naloxone Project. She is passionate about perinatal mental health, trauma-informed care, harm reduction, and reducing stigma in hospital obstetrics.

Don Stader, MD FACEP, FASAM
Medical Director, Compass Opioid Stewardship Program; Founder and Chair, Colorado Naloxone Project

Dr. Don Stader, MD, FACEP, FASAM is a physician, an opioid expert, a film producer & a social entrepreneur. He practices emergency and addiction medicine at Lincoln Health in rural Colorado. Dr. Stader holds a medical degree with honors from Baylor College of Medicine and attended an emergency medicine residency at Carolinas Medical Center. He is the Medical Director of the Compass Opioid Stewardship Program, a nationwide initiative to improve pain control, prescribing habits, addiction treatment, and opioid stewardship for primary care clinicians. Dr. Stader is also the founder and Executive Director of the Naloxone Project, a national effort to engage hospitals and clinicians in opioid overdose risk recognition, education, and naloxone dispensing.

Dr. Stader is a recognized physician leader as the Past President of the Colorado chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP), past section chair at Swedish Medical Center, and former President of the Emergency Medicine Residents' Association (EMRA). He is the founder and past chair of Colorado ACEP's Opioid Task Force, the Editor-in-Chief of COACEP's 2017 Opioid Prescribing & Treatment Guidelines, and the CO's CURE's guidelines on pain control and opioid stewardship. Dr. Stader served for over two years as the Senior Pain Management & Opioid Policy Physician Adviser for the Colorado Hospital Association and serves on multiple national and local

committees addressing the opioid epidemic in Colorado and across the nation, he is the current chair of ACEP's Pain & Addiction Management Section.

He is the founder and president of Stader Opioid Consulting LLC, which provides opioid and ALTO-related education, policy, and quality improvement services to hospitals, government organizations, and physician groups. Dr. Stader is a well-known national lecturer on the opioid epidemic, multimodal pain control, opioid stewardship, treatment of chronic and acute pain, opioid use disorders, medication for addiction treatment, and harm reduction.

Autumn Mels, DNP, MSN-Ed, RNC-OB, C-EFM, CNE

OB Outreach Educator, IDPH Administrative Perinatal Center, University of Chicago

Dr. Autumn Mels is a doctorally prepared registered nurse with experience in inpatient high-risk obstetrical care and undergraduate nursing instruction. She currently serves as the Obstetrics Outreach Educator for the Illinois Department of Public Health Administrative Perinatal Center at the University of Chicago. Dr. Mels joined The Naloxone Project (TNP) last fall and has since facilitated a webinar with another obstetrics educator in Illinois to address the need for take-home Naloxone utilizing the Drug Overdose Prevention Program (DOPP). Over 100 people attended this webinar, and since Dr. Mels has presented at multiple quality meetings helping individual hospitals begin this process, they developed a Frequently Asked Question document addressing the most common questions around implementation and will present a poster on this data at the National Association of Women's Health, Obstetric, and Neonatal Nurses conference in June.

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