

# To medical personnel treating me in an emergency

This patient is taking the drug Naltrexone generic**health** (naltrexone hydrochloride), an opioid receptor antagonist.

In an emergency situation requiring pain relief a suggested plan of management is regional analgesia, conscious sedation with a benzodiazepine, use of non-opiate analgesics, or general anaesthesia.

In a situation requiring opioid analgesia, the amount of opiate required may be greater than usual, and the resulting respiratory depression may be deeper and more prolonged. A rapidly acting opiate analgesic that minimises the duration of respiratory depression is preferred. The amount of analgesic administered should be titrated to the needs of the patient.

Non-receptor mediated actions (eg. facial swelling, itching, general erythema or bronchoconstriction), presumably due to histamine release, may occur and should be expected.

Irrespective of the drug chosen to reverse the Naltrexone generic**health** blockade, the patient should be monitored closely by appropriately trained personnel in a setting equipped and staffed for cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

In an emergency, please contact the medical officer who prescribed Naltrexone generic**health** (see reverse of card).

The name and telephone number of the Medical Officer who prescribed Naltrexone generic**health** (naltrexone hydrochloride).

Name of Medical Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Officer's Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Patient's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Patient's Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Treatment was initiated: \_\_\_\_\_

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