



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive



CLINICAL DIRECTIVE 04/2016

FROM: Medical Director

TO: Emergency Medical Technicians

SUBJECT: Intramuscular Naloxone

Administration of intramuscular naloxone for patients with opiate overdose, as per 2014 CPG "Poisons – Adult 5/5 4.22" is now authorised for National Ambulance Service Emergency Medical Technicians.

EMTs may administer naloxone if clinically indicated as per the existing Paramedic dose – ie 0.4mg IM/SC, repeat x 1 PRN.

RATIONALE:

Unavailability of the Mucosal Atomisation Device means that EMT administration of intranasal naloxone is no longer possible. EMTs may be tasked as a first response to Delta calls involving opiate overdose.

EFFECTIVE FROM: November 23rd 2016 **EFFECTIVE TO:** Indefinitely

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ON THIS DIRECTIVE:

Education and Competency Assurance Officer