



what is



and

why does it matter?



SWIPE TO LEARN

* what is OPVEE?

A drug recently approved by the FDA for the reversal of suspected or confirmed overdoses.

Unlike other overdose reversal medications, like narcan, Opvee does not use naloxone.

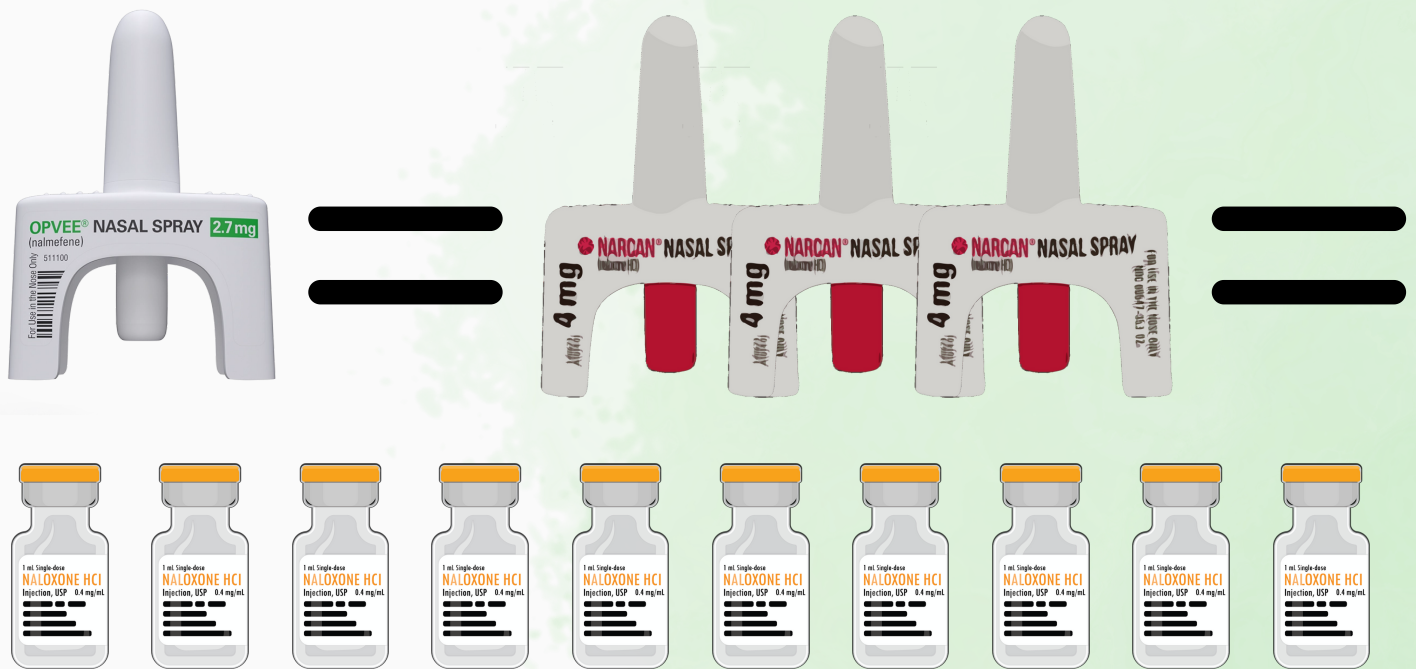




if not naloxone, what is it?

The active ingredient in opvee is called **Nelmefene**, which is **4x stronger than naloxone**.

One dose of opvee is equal to almost 3 doses of nasal narcan and TEN doses of injectible naloxone.





why is this a bad thing?

1) Duration of action: Opvee (nelmefene) blocks opioid receptors for **8-12 hours**.

This keeps an individual in precipitated withdrawal for an extended period of time without the ability to get well.



In comparison, Narcan (naloxone) blocks opioid receptors for 20-80 minutes.



why is this a bad thing?

2) Increased risk of re-overdose:
Due to the long duration of action, an individual may try to "override" the reversal agent by using a larger amount of the substance. This increases the risk of re-overdose when the medication does finally leave the receptors.



why is this a bad thing?

3) Severity of withdrawal symptoms: Generally speaking, **the more overdose reversal medication an individual is given, the more severe withdrawal symptoms they will experience.**

Additionally, higher doses are not necessarily more effective in reducing an opioid overdose.



CONCLUSION

The Everywhere Project does not support the use of Opvee.

We believe that utilization of such a high dose of this medication is inhumane and will actually increase the rates of overdose among vulnerable members of the community.



Recap

- 1 Opvee is a newly approved overdose reversal drug.
- 2 Active ingredient is Nalmefene which is 4x stronger than naloxone.
- 3 Stays active for 8-12 hours, compared to 20-80 minutes for naloxone.
- 4 The Everywhere Project does not support the use of Opvee.



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sometimes
less is more.

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