**Class and Action:** Opioid antagonist; a competitive opioid antagonist

**Indications:** Suspected opioid/narcotic overdose, decreased level of consciousness or coma of unknown origin

**Contraindications:** Hypersensitivity, use with caution in narcotic dependent patient can cause withdrawals

**Side Effects:** tachycardia, hypertension, dysrhythmias, N/V, diaphoresis, vision disturbance, withdrawal symptoms.

**Drug Interactions:** Incompatible with bisulfate and alkaline solutions

**Onset, Duration, and Routes:** Onset is within 2 minutes with a duration of 30-60 minutes. Routes of administration include IV, IO, IM, IN, SQ, or ET

**Adult Dose:**
- IN 4 mg
- IV/IO 0.4 - 2 mg

**Pediatric Dose:**
- IN 0.2 mg/kg, max 4 mg
- IV/IO 0.1 mg/kg, max 2 mg

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**Special Considerations:**
- Use cautiously in elderly and chronically ill, consider using smaller doses in those patient populations.

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