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To: All EMS agencies in Adams, Benton, Franklin, and Yakima Counties

From: Kevin Hodges, MD, FACEP
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Re: Narcan (naloxone) clarification

The county protocols specify 0.4-2mg naloxone doses in setting of altered mental status (M10) and overdose (M12). The MPD office is aware that some of the naloxone autoinjectors that have been furnished to EMS agencies and police agencies, use a default dose of 4mg. This official memo serves to recognize that this dose is acceptable in the setting of a preset autoinjector. If the administration mechanism supports a different dose that fits the protocols, the dose specified in the protocol is the preferred dose.

As usual, any deviation in the protocol requires explanation in the written narrative. This may be reasonably accomplished by a simple statement to clarify, such as, "IN Narcan was given 4mg dosed by autoinjector."

Thank you all for your continued work, compassion, and compliance as we work to improve prehospital care in our region.

Kevin Hodges