

## TAKE HOME NALOXONE GUIDE TO OBTAINING VERBAL CONSENT

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The following information must always be collected with each supply of naloxone:

- *Date of supply*
- *Staff Designation (i.e who supplied the naloxone)*
- *The form and quantity of naloxone supplied.*

Additionally, **verbal consent must be obtained** from the individual you are providing the naloxone to prior to collecting the following additional information:

- *Whether the naloxone supplied was an initial supply or a refill*
- *If refill, was the reason for refill:*
  - *My THN was used on me*
  - *My THN was used on someone else*
  - *My THN was given to someone else to keep*
  - *My THN is lost, damaged or expired*

Where an individual does not provide consent for the additional information to be collected, naloxone should still be supplied.

To obtain informed consent, the information statement on the following page should be provided (either verbally or in writing) to the individual on how any additional information collected from them will be used.



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### INFORMATION STATEMENT FOR INDIVIDUALS COLLECTING NALOXONE

Under the Take Home Naloxone (THN) Program, the medicine naloxone will be available free, and without a prescription, to people who are at risk of, or who may witness, an opioid overdose or adverse reaction.

Please note your name, or any other identifying information such as your date of birth, is not required as part of the THN Program and will not be provided to either the Pharmacy Programs Administrator or the Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care (Australian Government). Some participating naloxone sites may however be required under their relevant State/Territory legislation to obtain and record in their computer system separate additional information in order to provide naloxone to you.

Some data is always collected as part of the THN Program to help the Australian Government and your State/Territory health department understand:

- How many people receive naloxone under this program
- The type and quantity of naloxone people receive.

This data is also used to work out how much to pay community pharmacies, hospital pharmacies, and approved medical practitioners.

Additional data, which can only be collected with your consent, can also help the Australian Government and your State/Territory health department understand how the THN Program is progressing and help inform future decisions and further development of the program. Additional information collected includes:

- Whether the naloxone supplied was an initial supply or a refill
- If the supply was a refill, the reason for refill:
  - My THN was used on me
  - My THN was used on someone else
  - My THN was given to someone else to keep
  - My THN is lost, damaged or expired

By consenting to this additional information being shared with the program administrator (the Pharmacy Programs Administrator), the relevant State/Territory health departments and the Australian Government, you help us to understand how the THN Program is progressing and inform future development and maintenance of the program for others.

**Your participation is completely voluntary, and you are not obliged to disclose this additional information to receive the naloxone**



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