



Yolo County Health & Human Services Agency



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TO: Yolo County Providers and Agencies

FROM: Yolo County EMS Agency

SUBJECT: Suspected Opioid Withdrawal Protocol Update

MEMORANDUM

Effective November 1, 2024, the attached Suspected Opioid Withdrawal Protocol Update will go into effect for all Yolo County Providers. The protocol App and Website will be updated. It is the responsibility of each agency to ensure that their personnel receive this information.

This is a mid-year update for best practice as recommended by the California Bridge.

UPDATES

Protocol:

Opioid Withdrawal

- Corrected document name to be Suspected Opioid Withdrawal
- Removal of base contact for administration
- Lowering age of administration to 16 years
- Removal of pregnancy from contraindications

Please continue to document COWS scores for all patients complaining of withdrawal symptoms, as well as any patients that have received Naloxone for reversal of opioid overdose.

Please review the additions and changes thoroughly. If you have any questions, please contact Megan Rizzo at (530) 666-8675 or Megan.Rizzo@yolocounty.gov