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Mr. Bustos,

Administering naloxone during an opioid overdose reverses the overdose and can prevent death. Although typically delivered via intramuscular or intravenous injection, naloxone may be delivered via an intranasal spray device. The New Mexico Board of Pharmacy recognizes the value of dispensing naloxone to patients receiving opiate prescriptions. Problems with intranasal naloxone are uncommon. Overdose prevention education with distribution of intranasal naloxone is a feasible public health intervention to address opioid overdose.

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