

EMIHS 5-minute Lineup Drill

Suspected Opiate OD: “Ventilation before Medication”



But Why?



- Case reviews show that we are giving Narcan to people with an inadequate respiratory rate but we are not ventilating them while waiting for the Narcan to work.
- Hypoventilation is an immediate life threat and needs to be quickly reversed.
- Narcan alone **DOES NOT** reverse residual effects of hypoventilation, like acid-base disturbances, whereas Manual Ventilation may.



So...Your Initial Interventions

- ✓ Address any Airway issues
- ✓ Address hypoventilation with BVM
- ✓ Capture Vitals:
 - ✓ Respiration Rate
 - ✓ SpO2
 - ✓ End-Tidal
- ✓ **THEN** Administer Narcan (if indicated)

