

Naloxone Outreach Program In A Family Medicine Residency Clinic

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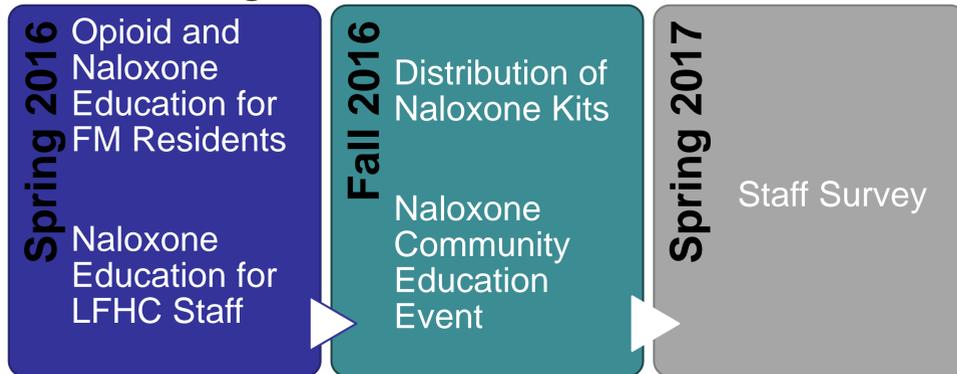
UPMC Latterman Family Health Center, McKeesport, PA

BACKGROUND

- McKeesport: old steel town outside of Pittsburgh, PA. According to the 2013 U.S. Census Bureau, 30% of the population live below the poverty level
- Barriers to naloxone access in the McKeesport area
 - Transportation
 - Cost
 - Stigma
 - Pharmacy availability despite standing order in PA
- Awarded \$5,000 grant through the McKeesport Hospital Foundation to provide naloxone education and distribution to FM Residency Program and the community
- Our focus is on the education of naloxone as well as perception and attitudes of naloxone at our health center

METHODS

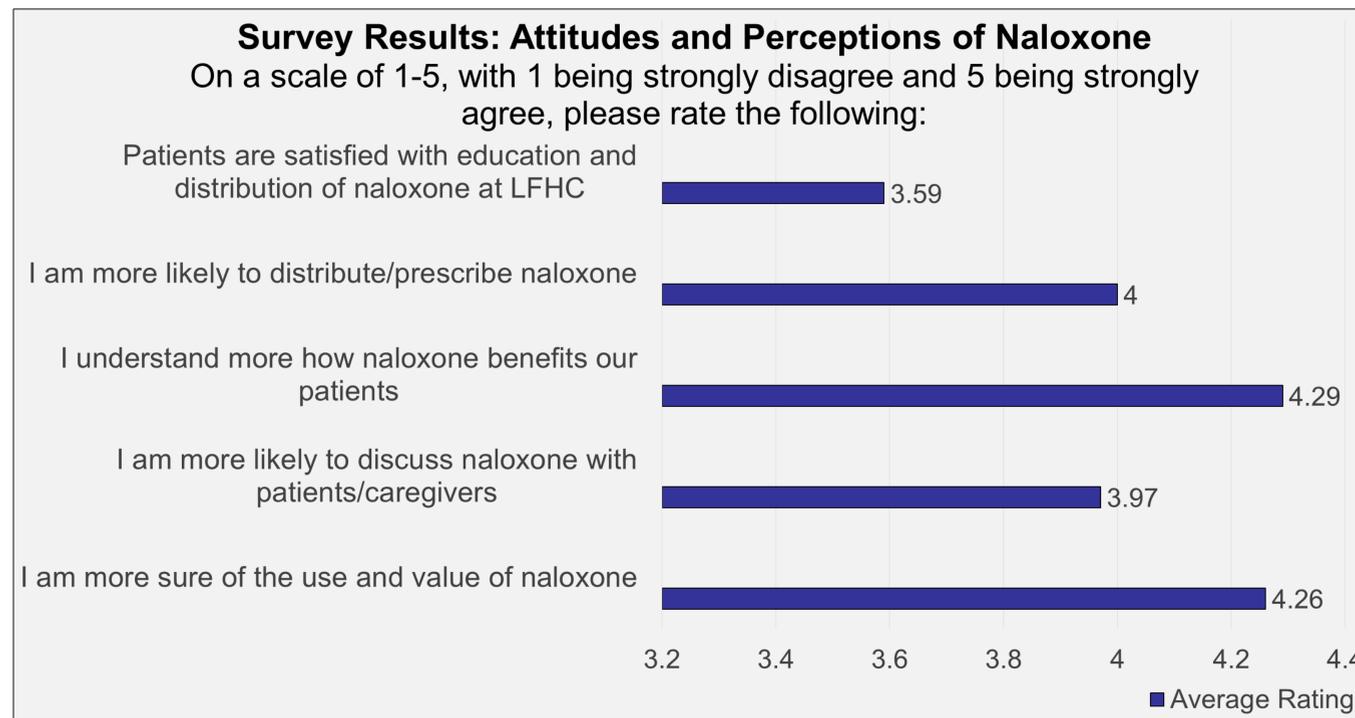
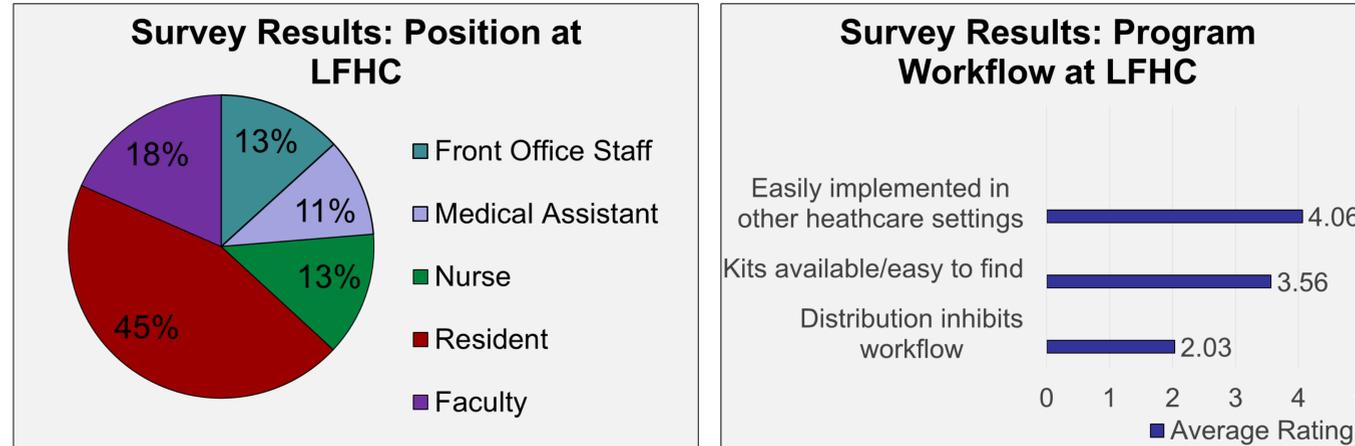
Naloxone Program Timeline



Intranasal naloxone purchased and distributed (1 device per request)

RESULTS

- Naloxone Community Education Event: lower than anticipated turnout
- Number of naloxone kits dispensed to date: 40
- Survey Results: 38 responses (73%)



RESULTS, continued

Selected Survey Responses

“Overall, I think this is a benefit to both patients and providers. I believe the program works to normalize addiction, which allows us to further empathize and relate to the patients we serve.”

“I feel giving naloxone to patients gives them a sense that they have a ‘get out of jail for free card’ or a ‘golden candy bar’ and mentally they wonder if there is a bigger and better high than they currently get. So having the med on hand, they have the sense that they can push it a little farther and use a little more. Maybe after the suboxone clinic is in place there would be a benefit to the patients during their transition after rehab and clean time.”

“The heroin epidemic is unfortunately very prevalent in this community. By having naloxone available to distribute, it helps me feel more empowered as a provider that I’m contributing in some small way to help save lives”

DISCUSSION

Limitations

- LFHC staff turnover and lack of re-education
- Mucosal Atomizer Device (MAD) recall in February 2017 limited kit availability and distribution

Future Directions

- Re-education of staff/resource folder
- Relocation of kits and more education provided with kits

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