

Tri-County Commission on Alcohol & Drug Abuse

BE A LIFESAVER!

Do you know where you can drop off your unused or expired medications locally? Have you ever heard that substance abuse addiction is a brain disease? What do you know about medically-assisted substance abuse treatment? Ever wonder how Narcan works? Do you know what South Carolina's Good Samaritan Law states?

The Tri-County Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (TCCADA) is providing the answers by offering free acrylic displays with 110 rack cards in each to inform our communities about the availability of medically-assisted treatment and recovery (MATRx), Narcan (naloxone) and the locations of our local medication disposal drop boxes. There are three different designs with information about each topic. There are only 250 available. If you would like to reserve any particular one or all three designs, please contact Kandie Goodwin, Prevention Director, at 803-536-4900, ext. 138 or kgoodwin@tccada.state.sc.us.

Great information for your patients, employees, congregation, etc. Help our community by saving a life!

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DISCARD UNUSED & EXPIRED MEDICATIONS

UNUSED MEDICATION DISPOSAL

Please Read

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY
Poison Control (800) 222-1222

medsafe

- Every 9 minutes, a child is rushed to an emergency room for a medication-related exposure.
- Pain medications are the single most frequent cause of pediatric fatalities reported to Poison Control.
- Nine out of every 10 poisonings for children ages 12 and younger involve medication errors or unsupervised children taking medicine on their own.
- With nearly all of these incidents occurring in the home, storing, using and disposing of over-the-counter and prescription medication is an essential safety check for every parent.

See back for details or visit Us at www.tccada.com

JUST PLAIN KILLERS.COM

*American Association of Poison Control Centers

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NARCAN (naloxone) NASAL SPRAY

"When he was little, I carried a rescue medication for his allergies. Today, I carry naloxone in case he overdoses. I am NOT using my son to an opioid overdose!"

Narcan (naloxone) can reverse an opioid overdose long enough to get medical care. Anyone in Orangeburg, Bamberg or Calhoun counties can carry and give Narcan in the event of an overdose. It's safe, easy to use and can't be abused.

Always call 911!

For more information on how you can get Narcan at no cost from the Tri-County Commission on Alcohol & Drug Abuse (TCCADA) call 803-536-4900 or visit us at www.tccada.com

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Medication and treatment available at the Tri-County Commission on Alcohol & Drug Abuse www.tccada.com

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MATRx

Medically-Assisted Treatment & Recovery

WHAT IS MATRx?

Medically-assisted treatment and recovery (MATRx) is the use of medications in combination with counseling and behavioral therapies to treat opioid use disorders (OUD) and can help some people sustain recovery. The recommended medication works to stabilize the brain's chemistry, ease the euphoric effects of opioids and alcohol, ease physiological cravings and stabilize body functions, without the adverse side effects of the abused substance.

Call 803-536-4900 for more information about the MATRx program at the Tri-County Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (TCCADA) or visit www.tccada.com

For more information on opioids, visit www.tccada.com

Medically-assisted treatment saves lives while increasing the chances a person will remain in treatment and learn the skills and build the networks necessary for long-term recovery.

- As with most other chronic diseases, such as diabetes, asthma, or heart disease, treatment for drug addiction generally isn't a cure. However, addiction is treatable and can be successfully managed. Narcan, Matrx is Drug Abuse.
- Only about 10% of the addicted population manages to get access to care and treatment for a disease that has roughly the same recovery rate as diabetes. See: May, Deborah, Debra, Debra, and the Drug Company that Added Narcan.

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Plenty of Reasons to Properly Discard Unused or Expired Medications

- One in four teens abuses prescription drugs.
- 3.1 million 12 to 25 year olds use OTC cough and cold medications at least once to get high.
- Prescription drugs are the #1 choice among 12-13 year olds.
- 13 is the mean age of the non-prescribed use of sedatives and stimulants.
- 48 percent of teens obtained prescription drugs free from a friend or relative.
- Nearly one in 10 high school seniors admit abusing pain relievers.
- Girls age 12-17 are more likely than boys to misuse OTC medications, but the trend reverses with 18- to 25-year-olds.

Take your expired and unused medications to a drug box available at the Orangeburg County Sheriff's Office and any of the local police departments in Holy Hill, Branchville, North, St. Matthews and Bamberg. For more information on prescription drug safety, visit www.tccada.com

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Anyone Can Be a Lifesaver!

SC Good Samaritan Law

Any person, who in good faith gratuitously renders emergency care at the scene of an accident or emergency to the victim thereof, shall not be liable for any civil damages for any personal injury as a result of any act or omission by such person in rendering the emergency care or as a result of any act or failure to act to provide or arrange for further medical treatment or care for the injured person, except acts or omissions amounting to gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct.

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Signs of an Overdose

Breathing is shallow, gurgling, erratic, or completely absent.
Lips and fingertips are blue due to decreased oxygen.
Unresponsive to verbal or physical stimulation.
Eye pupils are extremely small, resembling pinpoints.

B.L.U.E

What is MATRx?

Medically-assisted treatment and recovery (MATRx) is the use of medications, in combination with counseling and behavioral therapies, to provide a "whole-patient" approach to the treatment of substance use disorders. MATRx is primarily used for the treatment of addiction to opioids such as heroin and prescription pain relievers that contain opiates. The prescribed medication operates to normalize brain chemistry, block the euphoric effects of alcohol and opioids, relieve physiological cravings, and normalize body functions without the negative effects of the abused drug.

methadone Complete Receptor Fill, Generates Effect
buprenorphine Partial Receptor Fill, Generates Limited Effect
naloxone Complete Receptor Block, Generates No Effect

OPIOID RECEPTORS

Medications used in MATRx are approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and MATRx programs are clinically driven and tailored to meet each patient's needs. There are three drugs approved by the FDA for the treatment of opioid dependence: methadone, buprenorphine and naloxone. All three of these treatments have been demonstrated to be safe and effective in combination with counseling and psychosocial support. At the Tri-County Commission on Alcohol & Drug Abuse, we offer a type of buprenorphine called Suboxone, a partial agonist with limited effects.

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Medically-Assisted Treatment & Recovery Does (MATRx) Does Not

- reduce cravings.
- treat withdrawals.
- block subsequent drugs.
- prevent overdoses.
- return patients to normal function.

- get patients high.
- impair function.
- exchange one drug for another.
- increase the risk of overdose.
- disrupt and hinder a patient's recovery.