

Resolution 39: Awareness, Prevention, and Training (APT) Measures Against Opioid Overdose Crises

Abstract: This resolution urges Cornell Administration to take proactive and preventative measures against opioid overdoses on campus through awareness, prevention, and training (APT) measures.

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Whereas, Naloxone is an FDA-approved, life-saving, easily administered, and safe drug that reverses opioid overdoses

Whereas, Cayuga Medical Center has recently increased Naloxone access in November of 2022, offering Naloxone to patients for free¹

Whereas, increasing access to Naloxone was done in response to a health alert from the Tompkins County Health Department, highlighting an increase a 32% increase in drug-related deaths which has only risen in 2022²

Whereas, Cornell University as an academic institution has been a leader in research to stem the opioid epidemic, with Weill Cornell Medicine receiving as much as 8.1 million dollars in national grant funding to do so in November of 2022³

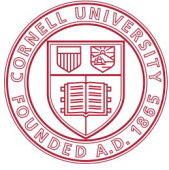
Whereas, Cornell University is beginning to expand access to overdose awareness education

Whereas, Cornell has recently increased access to Naloxone, but the program is in its nascent stages, and the community is not as knowledgeable about the newest initiatives of Cornell Health

¹ https://www.ithaca.com/news/ithaca/cayuga-medical-center-expanding-access-to-naloxone-to-prevent-opioid-overdoses/article_25a5c9d4-6a79-11ed-bea9-2bb7a8cc3a49.html

² <https://tompkinscountyny.gov/health/health-alert-nysdoh-warns-increase-opioid-related-deaths-central-ny-naloxone-available>

³ <https://news.weill.cornell.edu/news/2022/11/weill-cornell-medicine-awarded-nih-grant-to-address-opioid-health-crisis>



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24 **Whereas**, other colleges in the area, such as Ithaca College, have established opioid overdose
25 prevention programs since August 2019.

26 **Whereas**, this program has provided Naloxone in every AED cabinet and residential dorm
27 building, as well as provided consistent Naloxone and Harm Reduction Workshops⁴

28 **Whereas**, Cornell University should take proactive measures to prevent overdose-related
29 tragedies from happening to its students, faculty, and employees

30 **Whereas**, New York State legislature has recognized that the opioid crisis has crept into college
31 campuses, resulting in Governor Hochul signing legislation S.3448A/A.4485B requiring all
32 public colleges in New York to have a supply of opioid antagonists, such as Naloxone, in their
33 housing facilities⁵

34 **Whereas**, this legislation speaks to the magnitude and legitimacy of not only the opioid
35 epidemic but also the need for harm reduction measures to produce safer campuses

36 **Whereas**, Cornell has previously taken on substance harm-reduction initiatives, including fact
37 sheets to educate students on how to identify and respond to alcohol poisoning, allowing students
38 to access emergency medical care when necessary

39 **Whereas**, Naloxone is available at Cornell University's Pharmacy via prescription and adequate
40 training

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42 **Be it therefore resolved**, that overdose prevention kits with administration instructions are made
43 accessible at various campus locations, including but not limited to: on-campus residential halls,
44 Cornell Health, and other central locations

45 **Be it further resolved**, that Cornell Health collaborates with academic units, residential life, and
46 other student-serving populations to determine locations of resources and publicize the program

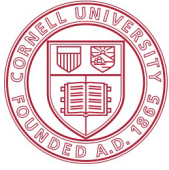
47 **Be it further resolved**, that August 31 is officially recognized by the university as National
48 Opioid Overdose Awareness Day

49 **Be it further resolved**, that training be made available at no cost by Cornell Health and the
50 Skorton Center for Health Initiatives so that Naloxone can be effectively used to prevent
51 overdose crises

52 **Be it further resolved**, that CUEMS, CUPD, EHS, and the Division of Public Safety have
53 access to Naloxone during any form of emergency response

⁴ <https://www.ithaca.edu/intercom/2019-08-28-naloxone-Naloxone-now-available-residence-halls>

⁵ <https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2021/s3448/amendment/a>



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54 **Be it further resolved,** all student groups that hold large events (>150 attendees) including but
55 not limited to Greek organizations (IFC, PHC, MGFC), concert-hosting groups, and sporting
56 events have at least one individual or officer trained in administering Naloxone and have it easily
57 available during a large event

58 **Be it further resolved,** that the Naloxone for large events be subsidized by Cornell Health

59 **Be it finally resolved,** harm-reducing information such as how to identify and respond to an
60 opioid overdose crisis is distributed via fact sheets in residential halls

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62 **Respectfully Submitted,**

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