

## Learn to Save a Life – Naloxone Training for Opioid Overdoses

*Provided by the Maryland Association of County Health Officers (MACHO)*

- Dates:** The training will be offered twice during Summer MACo. Only 1 session is required to receive certification.
- Friday, August 19, 2016: 2:15 – 3:15 pm
  - Saturday, August 20, 2016: 8:00 – 9:15 am
- Location:** Room 208, Roland Powell Convention Center, Ocean City, Maryland
- Trainers:** Gregory Branch, Wm, MD, MBA, CPE, FACP, MACHO President, Health Officer, *Baltimore County Health Dept.*  
Barbara Brookmyer, MD, MPH, Health Officer, *Frederick County Health Department*  
Dianna Abney, MD, Health Officer, *Charles County Health Department*
- Session:** Participants will receive in-person, hands-on training and certification in recognizing and responding to opioid overdose with naloxone. Naloxone is a prescription medication that safely and effectively reverses an opioid (heroin and prescription pain relievers) overdose. Upon completion of the training, participants will receive a certificate and a kit containing materials and the medication (while supplies last).
- Background:** Opioid abuse and addiction is a major public health crisis that affects the health, economic and social welfare of millions of people in the US. In MD, opioid-related deaths and usage continue to rise in epidemic proportions. Naloxone has been approved by the FDA to prevent overdose deaths by opioids such as heroin, morphine, oxycodone, and other prescription pain relievers. It blocks opioid receptor sites, reversing the toxic effects of the overdose.