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- John Di Lemme
Philadelphia, a City Stalked by Overdoses, Fights Back

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• 1,217 unintentional drug overdose deaths occurred in Philadelphia during 2017
Philadelphia

2017 = ~ 1,200 overdose deaths

3x as many deaths!
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A new virtual tool in the very real fight against opioid overdoses

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Researchers at Penn Nursing and the Annenberg School have found an immersive Naloxon training video as effective as in-person simulation trainings.

We wanted to offer the training and dissemination of the tool in a way as accessible as possible. That also meant something that would really encompass the community. A video and video of the tool are being incorporated as part of the tool and not just as a standalone piece," said Cynthia Goolsby, a Penn Nursing assistant professor.

The tool, called Naloxon.org, allows participants to simulate what it feels like to be in an opioid overdose situation. Participants are shown how to identify signs, give rescue breaths, and use naloxon to reverse the effects.

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