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Management of Acute Dental Pain and Appropriate Prescribing Practices

Course Description

Management of acute dental pain is accomplished through a clinical approach that successfully incorporates opioid and non-opioid analgesics. However, this normally occurs outside the dental office, away from our immediate supervision and we are often faced with the difficult task of managing patient pain while also avoiding adverse outcomes for both our patient and our communities. Thus, it is critical for clinicians to accurately identify the need for pain control, individualize patient care, identify associated risks, and assess the efficacy of the local anesthetic and analgesic agents to be administered.

This program will provide an overview of the effective management of acute dental pain. Using case scenarios, special emphasis will be given to appropriate prescribing practices for analgesics.

Learning Objectives

Upon successful completion of this program, participants will be able to:

- Describe the pharmacology and mechanism of action of opioid and non-opioid analgesics, as well as their potential for abuse.
- Explain the intended role of opioid and non-opioid analgesics in the treatment of acute dental pain, as well as situations which may preclude their use.
- Describe strategies useful in developing a pain management plan that is individualized for a patient’s needs and underlying medical conditions.
- Discuss appropriate prescribing practices for opioid and non-opioid analgesics to utilize in everyday clinical situations.

Bio

Thomas Viola, the founder of “Pharmacology Declassified”, is a board-certified pharmacist who also serves the professions of dentistry as a clinical educator, professional speaker and published author. Tom is a member of the faculty of ten dental professional degree programs and has received several awards for outstanding teacher of the year. Tom has presented hundreds of continuing education courses to dental professionals, nationally and internationally, in the areas of oral pharmacology and local anesthesia and is well-known for his regular contributions to several dental professional journals. Through his informative, humorous and engaging live seminars and webinars, Tom has earned his reputation as the go-to specialist for making pharmacology practical and useful for all members of the dental team.

Testimonials

“This is by far the BEST presentation I’ve been to in 30 years of practice! I didn’t want it to end! Really!!!”
R.L., Hinman Dental Meeting

“Thank you for making me laugh AND learn! Only you could make pharmacology THIS enjoyable and useful!”
D.H., Greater New York Dental Meeting

“So much practical information! So many, many laughs! You held my attention every second! I’m blown away!”
M.B., Yankee Dental Congress

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