

Dental Pain Management for The Entire Team!



Could optimizing safe, effective, and appropriate pain control help you to retain and acquire patients?

Management of acute odontogenic pain is accomplished through a clinical approach that successfully incorporates intraoperative local anesthesia and a postoperative regimen of non-opioid and opioid analgesics. However, improper and inappropriate use of both local anesthetic agents and analgesics have the potential to produce adverse outcomes for our patients. Thus, it is critical for clinicians to accurately evaluate the need for pain control, identify associated risks, and assess the efficacy of the agents to be administered.

This program will provide participants with a comprehensive understanding of the pharmacology and therapeutics of local anesthetic agents and analgesics. Special emphasis will be given to effective perioperative pain management and best practices for prescribing analgesics for postoperative pain control.



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Learning Objectives:

- Discuss local anesthetic agents with respect to their mechanisms of action, adverse effects, contraindications and clinical considerations.
- Differentiate between the two major classes of local anesthetic agents with respect to their distribution, metabolism, adverse effects, drug interactions and contraindications.
- Specify the various local anesthetic agent combinations most commonly used in dentistry and the rationale for their use in specific clinical situations.
- Explain the rationale for the use of vasoconstrictors and potential adverse effects.
- Describe the pharmacology and mechanism of action of analgesics used in the management of acute dental pain, including situations which may preclude their use.
- Examine 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.
- Discover best practices for prescribing analgesics, as well as proper storage and disposal of unused dosages.
- Identify techniques useful in recognizing and identifying potential opioid addiction and current protocols for its treatment.

Suggested Audience:

Dentist, Dental Hygienist, Full Team

Suggested Format:

Full or Partial Day; Lecture, Workshop, Keynote