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Learning Objectives:

• Identify the prescription medications most frequently encountered on a patient’s medical history and discuss their indications for use, adverse reactions and impact on dental therapy.
• Discuss the non-prescription medications most often used by dental patients and explain their impact on dental therapy, including situations which preclude their use.
• Explore the most popular herbal products and nutritional supplements and discuss their purported uses and dental considerations.
• Know the most common substances of abuse and describe their oral manifestations and dental treatment considerations.
• Discover techniques for identifying and managing self-medicating and substance-abusing patients.

Suggested Audience:
Dentist, Dental Hygienist, Full Team

Suggested Format:
Full or Partial Day; Lecture, Workshop, Keynote

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