

Self-Medication: Dental Considerations and Patient Care Planning



What is your patient NOT telling you about what is in their medicine cabinet?

Armed with limited information and faced with rising prescription drug costs, many patients self-medicate with prescription and OTC drug products. Often this is not mentioned during their exam and review of their medical history. Unfortunately, this may put patients at risk for potentially serious interactions and adverse outcomes.

This program provides participants with an overview of the dental considerations of the most popular prescription and non-prescription drugs and supplements which patients use to self-medicate. Special emphasis will be given to techniques useful in successfully identifying self-medication and obtaining a complete patient medication history.



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Learning Objectives:

- Identify and evaluate the potential considerations and impact on dental therapy from self-medication with:
 - Prescription and over-the-counter drugs
 - Herbal and nutritional supplements
 - Licit and illicit substances
- Learn techniques for successfully recognizing and managing self-medicating patients
- Discover effective communication strategies for obtaining a complete medical history



Suggested Audience:

Dentist, Dental Hygienist, Full Team

Suggested Format:

Partial Day; Lecture, Workshop, Keynote