

Epidemic: Prescription Drug Abuse in America

Saturday March 16, 2019 (1:00PM-5:00PM)
& Saturday May 4, 2019 (8:00AM – 12:00 PM)

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SYNOPSIS:

The purpose of this two hour seminar presentation is to provide the participant with information concerning the problem of prescription opiate medication abuse in the United States. The science of pain stimulation and its management in acute and chronic settings will be presented. Additionally, discussion of solutions to this public health epidemic, including regulations and policies developed by governmental agencies and professional healthcare organizations will be presented. The necessity for dental practitioners to appreciate the importance of the profession having a proactive role in the curtailment of prescription opiate medication abuse will also be considered.



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LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

- Describe the scope of prescription drug abuse in NV and the US
- Classify the drugs that are most commonly abused
- Recognize the responsibility of dental professionals to prescribe alternatives to opiates for acute pain management of dental etiology when possible
- Judge the need to choose NSAIDs as an alternative to central acting opioids for acute, short term, moderate to severe pain relief
- Describe procedures regarding the CDC Drug Take Back program
- Use the Nevada Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) protocol for writing obtundent drug prescriptions.
- Describe the physiologic pathways related to initiation of pain symptoms and their diminution
- Evaluate the need to maintain thorough and current records of patient prescriptions, OTC, herbal and recreational medications to prevent treatment complications in dental practice
- Build a foundational knowledge regarding the ethical and legal requirements for prescribing appropriate amounts and dosages of opiate medications.
- Critically evaluate relevant pharmacological, dental and governmental scientific literature regarding an evidence-based understanding of the problems related to indiscriminant use of opioid and other abused prescription medications

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