“I Haven’t Got Time For This Pain!”

Patient Care Considerations in the Management of Dental Pain with Local Anesthetics and Analgesics

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Date: Saturday, January 17, 2015
CE Credit: 3 CEUs pending
Location: Science Center Bldg. Room 214
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 12 noon
(Registration 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.)

Course Description

Management of pain during dental procedures is accomplished with the use of local anesthetics. Due to their potential for producing life-threatening systemic adverse reactions, a thorough knowledge of the pharmacology of these agents is essential for their safe and effective use. Management of post-therapeutic dental pain is accomplished with the use of opioid and non-opioid analgesics. Since the treatment of such pain usually occurs outside the dental office and relies heavily on individual factors, it is essential to assess the efficacy of analgesics and monitor for their appropriate use. This program will provide participants with an overview of the pharmacology and therapeutics of local anesthetic agents and opioid and non-opioid analgesics commonly administered in dental practice.

Learning Objectives

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

- Differentiate between the two major classes of local anesthetic agents and respect to their distribution, metabolism, adverse effects, drug interactions and contraindications.
- Discuss the rationale for the use of vasoconstrictors in local anesthetic solutions and their potential effects in common organ system disease states.
- Describe the pharmacology and mechanism of action of non-opioid and opioid analgesics, including their therapeutic effects, as well as their potential for abuse.
- Use case scenarios to develop a pain management plan based upon a patient’s needs and underlying medical conditions.

Speaker

In addition to his daily practice of the profession of pharmacy, Thomas Viola also serves the dental professions as a clinical educator, published writer and professional speaker. Tom is a member of the faculty of eight colleges, as well as several national board exam review courses. He is a contributor to several dental professional journals, with pharmacology columns appearing regularly in General Dentistry, AGD Impact, Access Magazine and RDH Magazine. In addition, Tom currently serves on the Advisory Board for General Dentistry and as the Subject Matter Expert for Mosby’s Dental Drug Reference. Tom has presented hundreds of continuing education courses, nationally and internationally, in the areas of dental pharmacology and local anesthesia.

Course Registration Form

A portion of the registration fee will support the Brenda Martin Fund which provides professional development opportunities for current Dental Hygiene students.

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