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Local Anesthetics, Vasoconstrictors and Clinical Dental Considerations

Course Description

Management of odontogenic pain may be accomplished through a clinical approach that successfully incorporates intraoperative local anesthesia. However, improper and inappropriate use of local anesthetic agents has the potential to produce life-threatening, systemic adverse reactions. Thus, a thorough knowledge of the pharmacology and therapeutics of local anesthetic agents is essential for their safe and effective use.

This program will provide participants with an overview of local anesthetic agents commonly used in dental practice. Using case scenarios, special emphasis will be given to developing strategies and techniques essential to accurately identify the need for pain control, individualize patient care, and assess the efficacy of the local anesthetic agents administered.

Bio

Thomas Viola, the founder of “Pharmacology Declassified”, is a board-certified pharmacist who also serves the professions of dentistry as a clinical educator, professional speaker and published author. Tom is a member of the faculty of ten dental professional degree programs and has received several awards for outstanding teacher of the year. Tom has presented hundreds of continuing education courses to dental professionals, nationally and internationally, in the areas of oral pharmacology and local anesthesia and is well-known for his regular contributions to several dental professional journals. Through his informative, humorous and engaging live seminars and webinars, Tom has earned his reputation as the go-to specialist for making pharmacology practical and useful for all members of the dental team.

Learning Objectives

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

- Explain the basic mechanism of action of local anesthetic agents.
- Differentiate between the two major classes of local anesthetic agents with 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.
- Specify the various local anesthetic agent combinations most commonly used in dentistry and the rationale for their use in specific clinical situations.

Testimonials

“This is by far the BEST presentation I’ve been to in 30 years of practice! I didn’t want it to end! Really!!!”
R.L., Hinman Dental Meeting

“Thank you for making me laugh AND learn! Only you could make pharmacology THIS enjoyable and useful!”
D.H., Greater New York Dental Meeting

“So much practical information! So many, many laughs! You held my attention every second! I’m blown away!”
M.B., Yankee Dental Congress

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