

# PAIN CONTROL IN DENTISTRY

## LOCAL ANESTHETICS & POST-OPERATIVE ANALGESICS

Management of dental pain is an essential part of clinical practice. Intra-operative pain control is accomplished by the use of local anesthetics while post-operative dental pain can safely and effectively be managed with nonopioid and opioid analgesics.

### PART I - LOCAL ANESTHETICS

The first portion of this course will review basic pharmacology of local anesthetics and technique considerations, with a specific focus on reasons for failure. A rational approach to failed local anesthesia will be discussed. Recent literature investigating occurrence of paresthesia after local anesthesia administration will also be presented.

### PART II - POST OPERATIVE ANALGESICS

The second portion of this course will focus on the management of acute and post-operative dental pain. The course will review basic pharmacology of analgesic drug classes, including their relative efficacy for dental pain, and will suggest appropriate regimens based on pain intensity.

### COURSE OBJECTIVES

Review basic pharmacology of local anesthetic formulations in clinical use

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Provide a systematic approach to managing failed local anesthesia

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Review pharmacology of opioid and nonopioid analgesics used for acute and post-operative pain control in dentistry

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Recommend an appropriate dosing regimen for analgesics based on pain intensity



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Dr. Vasudeva maintains a full-time referral-based specialty dental practice in Vaughan, Ontario. He lectures widely on topics of local anesthesia, oral and nitrous oxide sedation, medical emergencies in the dental office and other anaesthesia related topics.

**LOCATION & DATES**

Ottawa	November 20, 2015	8:30am - 4:00pm
Windsor	April 1, 2016	8:30am - 4:00pm
Thunder Bay	May 27, 2016	8:30am - 4:00pm
Sudbury	October 21, 2016	8:30am - 4:00pm
Mississauga	May 26, 2017	8:30am - 4:00pm

Final venue location will be emailed to participants 30 days prior to course date.

Pre-registration required to attend course. All registrations must be confirmed via email by the Ontario AGD 30 days prior to the course date. There is limited attendance for the course.

6 lecture hours. AGD Subject Code 132.

This course is eligible for six CE points in Category 1 upon successful completion of the course. Visit [ontarioagd.org](http://ontarioagd.org) to register or email [ontarioagd@gmail.com](mailto:ontarioagd@gmail.com) for more info.

This core course is free for current AGD members, but registration is required to gain acceptance into the course. There will be no onsite registration and you will be turned away from the venue. There is limited attendance to the course. Your credit card will be taken and any cancellation within three weeks of the course will have a \$50 charge. AGD reserves the right to cancel or alter the course. The exact location of the course will be emailed within one month of the course. This is the only form of communication for the location of the course.