PAIN CONTROL IN DENTISTRY
LOCAL ANESTHETICS & POST-OPERATIVE ANALGESICS

Management of dental pain is an essential part of clinical practice. Intraoperative 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

Provide a systematic approach to managing failed local anesthesia

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

Recommend an appropriate dosing regimen for analgesics based on pain intensity

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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.

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