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Prescription, Over-the-Counter, and Other Drug Abuse What We Need to Know and Do!

Date: Friday, September 18, 2009
Time: Registration – 8:30 am; Course – 9 am – 5 pm
Credit: 7 hours (Scientific/Category B)
Location: DoubleTree Guest Suites Lexington, 2601 Richmond Road
Lexington, KY
Tuition: **Before September 4** - \$225 dentist; \$110 auxiliary; \$85 auxiliary w/dentist
After September 4 - \$245 dentist; \$125 auxiliary; \$105 auxiliary w/dentist
(Fee includes continental breakfast and lunch)

Register by September 4, 2009

Program

The illegal use of painkillers Vicodin, Percocet, Tylox, OxyContin, etc. are rampant and methamphetamine abuse has reached a crisis in our communities; we are even seeing “**meth mouth**” in teenagers! Learn how the rampant illicit use of painkillers, internet drug trafficking, doctor-shopper cons, meth abuse, high-octane marijuana use, *and more* impact dental practice and what we can do about it! Dental teams can play a huge role in drug abuse identification, prevention, and intervention. Emphasis will be placed on increasing the participant’s skills and abilities to recognize the signs and symptoms of drug abuse, identify patients using drugs, and refer and treat drug abusing patients.

Target Audience:

Dentists, Assistants, Hygienists, Laboratory, Technicians, Office Staff, Spouses, and other persons who desire in-depth information about current drug trends, problems and solutions.

By the end of this course participants will be able to:

- Describe how drug abuse can lead to addiction and drug-seeking behavior.
- Recognize the clinical problems associated with prescription and other OTC drugs.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the abuse potential, physical and behavioral effects of narcotics, depressants and stimulants
- Describe how drug seekers attempt to obtain and divert prescription drugs.
- Describe meth users’ behaviors, drug effects and etiology of meth mouth.
- Recognize the health problems associated with of marijuana, alcohol, and inhalant abuse.
- Learn drug abuse signs and symptoms and how to screen patients for drug use.

Speakers

Patrick J. Sammon, Ph.D. is a professor emeritus, Department of Oral Health Science, University of Kentucky College of Dentistry and has a joint appointment with the Department of Physiology, University of Kentucky College of Medicine. He has served with the Advisory Committee on Chemical Dependency Issues, Council on Dental Practice American Dental Association and was a consultant and trainer for the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention Medical Specialty Program. He is also a trainer for the Counter Drug Task Force Training Programs in St. Petersburg, Florida. Dr. Sammon currently teaches health professionals, law enforcement, and educational organizations continuing education courses dealing with alcohol and other drug misuse, abuse and addiction at the local, state, national and international levels. **Brian Fingerson, RPh**, is an adjunct assistant professor for the University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy and a faculty member for the University of Utah School on Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependencies. He is president of Kentucky Professionals Recovery Network – KYPRN, a company formed to educate health care professionals about the disease of chemical dependency. KYPRN administers the recovery programs for the Pharmacy, Dentistry, Dental Hygiene, Physical Therapy and Physical Therapist’s Assistants professions and is involved in assisting the chemically dependent health professional in their recovery process and supporting their return to active practice. Brian has presented at a multitude of conferences and seminars at the local, state, and national levels.