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PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE AND "METH MOUTH"

WHAT'S COOKING IN YOUR OFFICE!

What You Will Learn

Drug abuse is a growing national health problem that impacts every dental practice as well as our families. 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! This workshop is designed to provide new insights and understanding into some of the **current incidence, trends and cultures in drug abuse problems:** the explosive growth of Internet drug trafficking, the rampant illicit use of the narcotic painkillers, the "modus operandi" of drug seekers, the meth lab crisis and abuse trends, the medical marijuana and legalization issues, *and more*. Through up-to-date research, video clips, stories and the personal experiences of the speaker, dental practitioners and staff will gain a deeper understanding of what drug cultures are like and the serious health and impairment risks of drug abuse. **Emphasis will be placed on what we can do:** increase our skills and abilities to prevent initial drug use, recognize early signs and symptoms of misuse and abuse, identify and intervene on patients using drugs, and refer patients and family members who are abusing drugs.

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.

Objectives:

- Recognize how easy it is to access all the information necessary to purchase, produce or sell illegal drugs over the Internet.
- Understand how psychoactive drugs affect the brain's pleasure center and the new research showing how early drug use affects adolescent brain development and what we can do about it.

- Demonstrate an understanding of the abuse potential and the physical and behavioral problems associated with the illegal use of narcotics (*OxyContin, Lortab, Percocet, Tylox, Vicodin, Dextromethorphan, etc.*)
- Know how "Drug Seekers" attempt to obtain and divert prescription drugs and understand how to deal with this problem.
- Increase your screening and assessment skills for patients who are misusing, abusing and addicted to psychoactive drugs.
- Recognize the physical effects of popular *street drugs* (marijuana, methamphetamine, ecstasy ...) behaviors of users, and understand the controversy surrounding marijuana, its medical use and legalization issues.
- Know the risk/resiliency tools for preventing youth from ever using drugs and learn how to apply these in your practice and community.

Speaker

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