MANAGING THE MOST COMMON MEDICAL EMERGENCIES IN THE DENTAL OFFICE

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Today’s dental healthcare professionals are being asked to manage more medically-compromised patients. These patients present higher risk for in-office medical emergencies. In this course we will use a case-based approach to review the management of the most common medical emergencies the dental team may face. We will not cover the one-in-a-million medical complication, but instead we will focus on giving practical information needed in a medical emergency. The presentation will also include instruction on the proper use of the drugs and equipment used to manage medical emergencies.

EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES
1. Identify the patients at highest risk for medical emergencies
2. Recognize the signs and symptoms of common medical emergencies
3. Develop differential diagnosis for common emergency presentations
4. Apply medical interventions to manage common medical emergencies
5. Describe the use of the drugs and equipment used to manage medical emergencies

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