This course is a virtual two-hour course focusing on evidence-based best practices for use of opioids in pain management in the dental office. The course will review the epidemiology, the patterns, and the trends of the opioid epidemic and Substance Use Disorders (SUD) in the US; will discuss the social, financial, and human cost of the opioid epidemic and SUD in the US; and will examine the role of dental professionals and healthcare providers in the current US opioid epidemic. Finally, the program will discuss risk factors for the development of SUD and other common drugs that are abused. It will also provide strategies to approach these patients, discuss the risk factors of the use of opioid analgesics in the development of SUD in adults and adolescence, and provide resources for family members.

**EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES**

1. Review the epidemiology, the patterns, and trends of the opioid epidemic and SUD in the US
2. Discuss the social, financial, and human cost of the opioid epidemic and SUD in the US
3. Examine the role of dental professionals and healthcare providers in the current US opioid epidemic
4. Discuss the risk factors of use of opioid analgesics in the development of SUDs in adults and adolescents
5. Appraise the evidence-based management of dental pain
6. Manage patients with active SUD and patients in recovery from SUD in need of dental treatment

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