



TOP FIVE PRESCRIBED DRUGS: WHAT DO YOU NEED TO KNOW?

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Pharmacology is the study of Drugs and their effects on the human body. Chronic medical conditions such as cancer, cardiovascular disease, endocrine disorders, and neurological conditions are very prevalent worldwide. In this course we will discuss the top 5 prescribed drugs in North America. We will review the pharmacological actions of these drugs, any reported adverse reactions and drug interactions associated with their use. We will review the effects of these medications on the oral cavity and any needed dental modifications for these patients. Specific emphasis will be given to the effects and interactions of these commonly prescribed drugs with those often given by dentists namely, local anesthetics, analgesics, antibiotics, and antifungals.

EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES

- Identify the top 5 prescribed drugs
- Recognize the indications and contraindications of these commonly prescribed drugs
- Discuss the mechanism of action, adverse reactions, and drug interactions of the most commonly prescribed medications
- Discuss the top 5 prescribed drugs and their interactions with dental treatment and commonly prescribed dental drugs

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