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Street Drugs and the Doctor Shopper

What is the impact on my practice when providing dental care for patients who are and/or have been chemically dependent? What are some of the oral manifestations of street drug abuse? How will I know if a patient is under the influence of street drugs? What are the characteristics of and how do I manage the "doctor shopper"? What is my liability when treating patients with pain?

The dental team is in a unique position providing dental care to a patient population that may be regular users or experimenting with mood altering drugs. This presentation will take you from the streets and into the office to help you identify and manage the substance abusing patient and the "doctor shopper". This one hour discussion includes the types, signs and symptoms of commonly abused prescription and illicit drugs.

You will learn:

The signs and symptoms of commonly abused prescription and illicit drugs in patients and adolescents

What medications to avoid with the suspected drug abusing patient How to recognize and manage the doctor shopper

Dr. Crossley received a Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy from the University of Rhode Island in 1964. He later was awarded the Master of Science (1970) and Doctorate degrees (1972) in Pharmacology. The University of Maryland Dental School in Baltimore awarded Dr. Crossley the D.D.S degree in 1980. He has co-authored a number of articles and four books dealing with a variety of topics within the field of pharmacology. Other areas of expertise include the pharmacology of street drugs and chemical dependency. He serves on the Maryland State Dental Association's Well Being Committee, was a member of the University Interdisciplinary Committee for Drug Abuse Education and served on the Governor's Commission on Prescription Drug Abuse. Dr. Crossley has become nationally and internationally recognized as an expert on street drugs and chemical dependency as well as the clinical pharmacology of dental drugs. He has been a consultant for the United States Drug Enforcement Administration and other law enforcement agencies since 1974.

Please join us for this informative CE event at :
Maggianos @ Tysons Corner
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