



“Waiting to Inhale?”

Will Cannabis Challenge the Dental Professions as Tobacco Has in the Past?

Course Description

According to the DEA, cannabis is considered to have no accepted medical use and, thus, it is illegal to possess. Yet, almost every state has enacted legislation aimed at legalizing or decriminalizing cannabis for medical or recreational use. Despite this rise in social and legal acceptance, public health concerns regarding the use of cannabis remain, especially among dental professionals, since the major routes of administration of cannabis involve the oral cavity.

This program will introduce dental professionals to the pharmacology of cannabis, including its various dosage forms, routes of administration and adverse effects. Special emphasis will be placed on the effects of cannabis use on oral health and dental treatment, as well as the proposed use of cannabis in dentistry for the management of patient anxiety and odontogenic pain.

Learning Objectives

Upon successful completion of this program, participants will be able to:

- Discuss the history and various types of cannabis, as well as its current legal status and proposed uses in dentistry.
- Describe the pharmacology of cannabis, including its mechanism of action, routes of administration and available formulations.
- Identify the effects of cannabis on major organ systems.
- Explain the clinical considerations of cannabis use, including adverse reactions, drug interactions and contraindications.
- Explore the dental considerations of cannabis, including potential treatment modifications, and strategies for patient care planning.

Bio

Thomas Viola, the founder of “Pharmacology Declassified”, is a board-certified pharmacist who also serves the professions of dentistry as a clinical educator, professional speaker and published author. Tom is a member of the faculty of 16 dental professional degree programs and has received several awards for outstanding teacher of the year. Tom has presented hundreds of continuing education courses to dental professionals, nationally and internationally, in the areas of oral pharmacology and local anesthesia and is well-known for his regular contributions to several dental professional journals. Through his informative, humorous and engaging live seminars and webinars, Tom has earned his reputation as the go-to specialist for making pharmacology practical and useful for all members of the dental team.

Testimonials

“This is by far the BEST presentation I’ve been to in 30 years of practice! I didn’t want it to end! Really!!!”
R.L., Hinman Dental Meeting

“Thank you for making me laugh AND learn! Only you could make pharmacology THIS enjoyable and useful!”
D.H., Greater New York Dental Meeting

“So much practical information! So many, many laughs! You held my attention every second! I’m blown away!”
M.B., Yankee Dental Congress



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