

“BE PREPARED FOR THE UNEXPECTED” MANAGEMENT OF MEDICAL EMERGENCIES IN THE DENTAL OFFICE

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3 CE HOURS | 6 PM TO 9 PM | COST: DENTISTS \$95, ALLIED STAFF \$45

RECOMMENDED AUDIENCE:

Dentists, Hygienists, EFDA's, Assistants, Office Managers, Front Desk

SYNOPSIS:

As patient populations in our private practices continue to constantly change, we as practitioners and staff are obligated to provide a safe environment each day!

With advances in medicine being made, coupled with longer appointments and the increased usage of medications, these can combine to lead to a medical emergency.

Both the psychological and physiologic interaction within the patient can lead to life-threatening situations that need to be prevented, recognized, diagnosed and treated in an efficient and timely manner.

All members of the office staff need to be aware of these potential problems and take part in the management of the emergency.

This lecture will organize and present various medical emergencies that will most likely be encountered in the office.

COURSE / LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this course, the dental professional should be able to:

- Discuss the preparation and preventative measures
- Have knowledge of emergency equipment and medications
- Understand the detection and treatment of:
 - The unconscious patient: syncope and postural hypotension
 - Respiratory emergencies: Airway obstruction, laryngospasm, hyperventilation syndrome and asthma
 - Medical conditions leading to unconsciousness: Diabetes and Cerebral vascular accident
 - Convulsive disorders
 - Drug related emergencies: allergic reactions and drug overdose
 - Chest pain: Angina and Acute Myocardial Infarction

This lecture will focus on these topics from a general consideration, prevention, recognition, differential diagnosis and treatment aspect.

The seminar attendee will be aware of these potential emergencies and will develop a workable treatment plan to be implemented into their practices to “Be Prepared for the UNEXPECTED!”