Responsibilities and Requirements of Prescribing Schedule II Opioid Drugs

We know that opioid addiction often starts with a prescription medication for pain. But how should we manage our patients' dental pain in a way that does not initiate an addiction or trigger a relapse if our patients are in recovery?

Opioid overdose deaths are at an epidemic level our country, driven by a myriad of factors including COVID, poverty, homelessness, mental illness, and professional overprescribing of opioids. The Dental Board of California, in its mission to protect and promote the health and safety of consumers, requires dental licensees to receive biennial training in the responsibilities and requirements of Schedule II opioid drugs. The training aims to help dentists understand the complex issues associated with substance use disorders and how dental professionals can address the opioid crisis by screening for substance use disorders, referring patients for sobriety and recovery support, and providing evidence-based pain management.

This course contains all the required coursework relating to the prescribing of Schedule II opioid drugs and is in compliance with California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 16, Division 10, Sections 1016 and 1017 and satisfies 2.0 hours of the DEA MATE requirement for registrant renewal. This course can be modified to include any state's dental board mandatory opioid course requirements.

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Upon course completion, participants will be able to:

- Describe the origin and trajectory of our nation's opioid epidemic
- Describe the requirements of a Schedule II drug classification as defined by the United States Controlled Substance Act
- List commonly prescribed opioids for pain management in dentistry and their side effects
- Develop dental office procedures for screening patients at risk or with a substance use disorder
- Understand evidence-based guidelines for pain management with non-opioid and opioid medications
- Discuss regulatory requirements for prescribers and dispensers of opioids including utilization of the Prescription Drug Monitoring databases
- Recognize symptoms of an opioid overdose and how to respond with the administration of opioid-reversal agents (Naloxone)

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE:
Dentists

SUGGESTED FORMAT:
Partial Day, Lecture, Webinar