Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office

Description: Emergency management and preparedness are key factors in safely managing patients in a dental office setting.

This lecture will provide a broad overview of the most common emergencies that arise in a dental setting, recognition of the issue(s), management, and the team approach.

We will review and discuss emergency kits and supplies that are useful in these scenarios.

Given the current state of the opioid pandemic and the increasing frequency in prescribed and non-prescribed anxiolytics and opioids, special attention will also be given to drug reversals, including Naloxone.

Learning objectives: Participants will:

- Gain a better understanding of the most common medical emergencies that can arise in the dental office
- Learn how to recognize a medical emergency, and how to properly respond.
- Gain information on drug overdose and drug reversals, including Naloxone.

About our speaker
Heather E. Chance, DMD, is board certified by the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. Her private practice is Allens Creek Oral and Implant Surgery in Pittsford, NY. She is an Oral Maxillofacial Surgeon at Rochester General Hospital.

Dr. Chance was born and raised in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. She studied at McGill University in Montreal, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Molecular Biology and then continued to the McGill University School of Dentistry. She moved to Western New York to complete residency training in Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery at the University of Rochester, associated with both Strong Memorial and Rochester General Hospitals. Dr. Chance was extensively trained in anesthesia, dentoalveolar surgery, dental implants and bone grafting, oral pathology, and reconstructive/corrective jaw surgery.

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