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Needles, Lungs & Tongues. © The Chemistry, Use and Effect of Psychoactive Substances. 3CEU

Synopsis:

Legal and illicit psychoactive substances are ubiquitous in our communities, including the patients we treat daily. Use and abuse, of psychoactive compounds date back hundreds, even thousands of years, so what are many of the most important points that we must understand today, in order to mitigate acute risks when treating patients using them and what long term risks will become inherent in patients that continue to use them?

This program will discuss these questions from both a historical and present-day view, taking into consideration the law that governs their use and distribution, their physiology and clinical effects, benefits and detriments to use and what our roles and responsibilities are as health care providers and clinicians when treatment planning.

Learning Objectives:

- Participants will receive a concise review of the most ubiquitous drug substances, their basic chemistry and physiological effects.
- Recommendations for caution when managing dental procedures on patients using these substances.
- Drug interactions that are significant to dentistry will be reviewed.
- Discretionary reporting, intervention and diversion for dental professionals practicing under the influences of psychoactive substances.