

Catching Up to Speed – Accelerating Your Understanding of “Meth Mouth”



With methamphetamine being the second most widely abused drug in the world, it is likely that you are treating patients who use methamphetamine and have “meth mouth”; teeth that are rotted, blackened, and broken.

Many clinicians are not aware of the signs and symptoms of methamphetamine use, or the medical, legal, and ethical issues associated with treating patients with substance use disorders.

In this interactive course, discover why methamphetamine is the “hot” street drug and how a “meth high” destroys patients’ smiles. Learn how to recognize the oral, physical, and behavioral clues of methamphetamine abuse and how to communicate your concerns to your patients. Learn how to treat patients with “meth mouth” effectively and safely and recognize your professional responsibilities and your own personal boundaries in treating patients with methamphetamine-use disorders.

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BRIDGING CONNECTIONS • BUILDING UNDERSTANDING

Participants will learn:

- The global and national prevalence of methamphetamine-use disorders
- What methamphetamine is and why it is more addictive than other illicit drugs
- The signs of methamphetamine use that are evident during a routine dental examination
- How to integrate behavioral health into oral health including substance-use screening, communication, and referral strategies
- How to use the Meth Mouth Treatment Plan Assessment Form
- Evidence-based prescribing practices for management of dental pain

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE:

Dentists, Dental Hygienists, Dental Assistants, Front/Back Office Team Members

SUGGESTED FORMAT:

Partial Day, Lecture, Webinar

