Dental Office Emergency Protocols

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COURSE OBJECTIVE

It is the premise of Dr. Meiller that the dentist should be able to identify a developing problem and determine the need for assistance from emergency medical personnel. During that brief, but vital, time period, stabilization procedures are always the most appropriate care. This program is designed to assist in establishing basic office protocols for stabilization of any such patient. In a properly prepared office, these protocols will have been committed to memory and the manual will be available as a quick reference. Often, stabilization of the patient results in appropriate and adequate treatment, eliminating the patient's need to be transported to a medical facility. Having a sound knowledge base, the dentist can make this determination.

THE FIRST SECTION describes office preparedness and addresses the development of protocol and training for management of any potential office emergency. Three subsections include patient evaluation, office equipment, and training of personnel.

THE SECOND SECTION addresses specific dental office medical emergency protocols that are defined by symptom analysis. The subjects are tabbed to be separated into major categories associated with symptom analysis. The subjects are tabbed to be separated into major categories associated with symptom analysis and include:

1) Loss of Consciousness,
2) Respiratory Distress,
3) Chest Pain,
4) Allergic / Drug Reactions,
5) Altered Sensations / Changes in Affect, and
6) Management of Acute Bleeding.

Within each of these major symptom groups are other symptom-recognition categories that will allow the practitioner easy access to specific likely medical conditions associated with the incident and action plans. Relatively rare office emergencies (e.g., thyroid storm) and emergencies that originate over longer time periods (e.g., diabetic acidosis) have been mentioned, but not covered as separate protocols.
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The last section of the program addresses information on office protocols for occupational injuries, protocols for measurement of vital signs by the American Heart Association, discussion of automated external defibrillators, oxygen delivery systems, and other useful information in establishing appropriate office protocols.

A review of current medications includes home remedies, non-prescription drugs, vitamins and/or dietary supplements, and medications not prescribed to the patient (available friends or relatives) but may have been used by the patient. Doses and frequency of use are important. Drugs that have known associations with some medical emergencies are listed with each protocol. It is not the intent of this manual to provide detailed drug information on every drug mentioned that has potential side effects or a specific incidence of adverse events or drug interactions. The reader should consult the latest edition of Lexi-Comp’s Drug Information Handbook for Dentistry, or any other drug information database, to stay current with these concerns if such drugs are identified in a patient’s history.

The dental office should be adequately equipped to not only deliver routine care to each new patient and each returning patient, but also should be set up for appropriate management and stabilization of any potential office emergency. This requires that each patient and treatment area should be equipped with a minimum of a blood pressure cuff and a stethoscope.

It is imperative that all dental office personnel be trained to assist in routine patient care as well as potential office emergencies in an appropriate and timely manner. There should be an office plan in place with individual responsibilities and assignments established in the event of any office emergency. This plan should include assignment of essential duties during an office emergency. Simple codes can be used for communication so as not to alarm other patients.

After completing this course you will have a better understanding and working knowledge of the following topics:

- Office Preparedness
- Dental Office Emergency Drugs
- Blood Pressure
- CPR & Basic Life Support
- AED
- Categories of Emergencies
- Basic Action Plan for Stabilization
- Chest Pain
- Altered Sensations & Changes in Affect
- Acute Bleeding
- FAQ for Infective Endocarditis and Prosthetic Implants
- Oxygen Delivery
- Occupational Exposure to Blood Pathogens
- Other Emergencies Requiring Rapid Assessment and Referral
- Forensics
- DONJ
- Drug Considerations
- Chemically Dependent Patients
- Management of Patients Undergoing Cancer Therapy
- Pain Management
- Burning Mouth Syndrome
- Prescription Writing

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DOE-01-15: Chest Pain
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DOE-01-17: Altered Sensations & Changes in Affect
DOE-01-18: Pain Management, Burning Mouth Syndrome, and Prescription Writing