

Dental Hygiene Study Club Unmasking the Opioid Epidemic

The increased usage of opioids to treat oral pain has caused a spike in Opioid Use Disorder and unintentional overdoses. Your patient intake procedures are the first point of contact you have in uncovering potential and even existing indicators of abuse or addiction. Careful screening methods are essential in the everyday clinical practice to support your patients and ensure a healthy post-surgical experience. Early detection and careful screening are critical when dealing with opioid addiction.

As health care professionals, we are ideal first responders to help our patients that use in an unhealthy manner. This program will increase awareness of these addictive drugs and elevate our role as health care professionals.

Educational Objectives:

- Understand how opioids lead to addiction.
- Recognize the signs and symptoms of opioid abuse and overdose.
- Understand pain management alternatives used in dentistry and the role of Nalaxone in reversing its effects.
- Discuss hygienist role in the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP), possible patient referral sources, and proper disposal of medications.

Wednesday, October 25, 2023
6:00pm - 9:00pm

Water's Edge Event Center
4867 Millennium Drive, Belcamp



Speaker:

Janis Spiliadis is an international clinician with over 35 years of experience practicing in Switzerland, Greece, Saudi Arabia, and the United States. Janis received her degree in dental hygiene from Palm Beach State College in Palm Beach County, Florida. In 2007, Janis obtained her Independent Hygiene Certification allowing her to open her own practice in Switzerland, where she practiced for 25 years. Janis has also served as a member of the Straumann Hygiene Advisory Board and is a KOL for several dental companies. Fluent in French, Janis has presented worldwide on the effects of biofilm on systemic health.

Registration:

To confirm your participation in the meeting, please visit mdcentereducation.com or email **Danielle Jewell** at djewell@marylandcenter.net with the names of those planning to attend.

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