

Saturday, May 16, 2026

Clinician: [Thomas Viola, R. Ph., CCP](#)

Bio: With over 30 years of experience as a board-certified pharmacist, clinical educator, professional speaker and published author, Tom Viola has earned his international reputation as the go-to specialist for making pharmacology practical and useful for all members of the dental team. As the founder of Pharmacology Declassified, Tom's mission is to provide clinicians valuable insight into the dental considerations of general medicine as well as the medical considerations of general dentistry. As an award-winning educator, Tom is a member of the faculty of 15 dental professional degree programs. As a widely-published author, Tom is well known for his contributions to several professional journals and pharmacology textbooks and currently serves as a consultant to the ADA's Council on Scientific Affairs. As an award-winning speaker, Tom has been recognized by many organizations and associations as one of the most sought-after lecturers in dentistry and has presented over 1000 informative and engaging continuing education seminars and webinars to dental professionals since 2001.

Time & CE: 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM | CE: 3 hrs. Academic or Clinical

Course Title: I Haven't Got Time for This Pain

Course Description: Dental Pain Management for the Entire Team! Could Optimizing safe, effective, and appropriate pain control help you to retain and acquire patients? Management of acute odontogenic pain is accomplished through a clinical approach that successfully incorporates intraoperative local anesthesia and a postoperative regimen of non-opioid and opioid analgesics. However, improper and inappropriate use of both local anesthetics agents and analgesics have the potential to produce adverse outcomes for our patients. Thus, it is critical for clinicians to accurately evaluate the need for pain control, identify associated risks, and assess the efficacy of the agents to be administered. This program will provide participants with a comprehensive understanding of the pharmacology and therapeutics of local anesthetic agents and analgesics. Special emphasis will be given to effective perioperative pain management and best practices for prescribing analgesics for postoperative pain control. (Continued on pg. 2)

Learning Objectives:

1. Discuss local anesthetic agents with respect to their mechanisms of action, adverse effects, contraindications and clinical considerations.
2. Differentiate between the two major classes of local anesthetic agents with respect to their distribution, metabolism, adverse effects, drug interactions and contraindications.
3. Specify the various local anesthetic agent combinations most commonly used in dentistry and the rationale for their use in specific clinical situations.
4. Explain the rationale for the use of vasoconstrictors and potential adverse effects.
5. Describe the pharmacology and mechanism of action of analgesics used in the management of acute dental pain, including situations which may preclude their use.
6. Examine the intended role of opioid and non-opioid analgesics in the treatment of acute dental pain, as well as situations which may preclude their use.
7. Discover best practices for prescribing analgesics, as well as proper storage and disposal of unused dosages.
8. Identify techniques useful in recognizing and identifying potential opioid addiction and current protocols for its treatment.

Clinician: [Rick Ritt, EMT-P-MA President Consultant](#)

Bio: Rick is the president and consultant for Dental Simulation Specialists. Rick has a vast foundation of acute critical care experience as a paramedic for over 25 years. He served thirteen years as a Paramedic Officer with the Chicago Fire Department. For 20 years he directed the second largest American Heart Association Clinical Training Center in the country. Rick developed a great understanding of equipment by establishing a parts and service distributorship with Laerdal. In 2014, he established Dental Simulation Specialists Inc. to serve the growing need to increase awareness, patient safety, and outcomes in the dental office.

Time & CE: 8:30 AM – 11:30 AM | CE: 3 hrs. Academic, Anesthesia, or Clinical

Course Title: Anesthesia Emergency Management for the Dental Team

Course Description: This unique and challenging program provides a didactic and hands-on clinical simulation experience that addresses the proper assessment and management of patient complications associated with minimal to moderate sedation. This course will explore simulations for the dental team as a method to improve patient safety and outcomes. Case studies will be presented where you will be engaged interactively to determine critical decisions and therapies for those patients. A look at In-Situ Simulation, its importance, frequency and effects will be reviewed. Participants will be given the opportunity to participate and demonstrate the appropriate patient management with a variety of hands-on simulations with Sim Man.

Clinician: Jaishree Lerew, DO

Time & CE: TBD and date of course may be subject to change.

Course Title:

Course Description: Discussion on oral cavity cancer

Clinician: Nathan Phillips, DDS, OMS & [Rick Ritt, EMT-P-MA President Consultant](#) (see above for Rick's bio.)

Bio: Dr. Nathan Phillips attended the University of Houston and studied Biology and Psychology. Following dental school, he accepted a commission in the United States Army and was assigned to Ft. Lewis, WA. Continuing his studies, he completed his Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery residency at Madigan Army Medical Center in 2010, which included a four-month facial trauma rotation at East Texas medical Center in Tyler, TX. Dr. Phillips joined Oral Surgery and Implant Specialists in the summer of 2017. He serves on the medical staff at Unity Point-St. Luke's Mercy Medical Center, and the Siouxland Surgery Center.

Time & CE: 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM | CE: 8 hrs. Academic or Clinical

Course Title: Sedation & Anesthesia Monitoring in the Dental Practice

Course Description: This eight-hour seminar covers the general principles of patient care during mild, moderate, and deep sedation. The content is designed for auxiliary healthcare providers and includes preoperative assessment, pharmacology, management of pediatric patients, geriatric patients, and management of complications.