## NITROUS OXIDE & ORAL SEDATION FOR THE DENTAL PATIENT

## You don't have to "write off" fearful patients! Increase treatment acceptance rates by adding sedation to your menu of services.

From the days of Morton and Wells, dentistry has been at the forefront of healthcare in helping patients cope with stress and anxiety of treatment. Today, there is a renewed emphasis on aiding apprehensive patients. Because of its ability to wear off quickly, nitrous oxide continues to be a valuable tool in this endeavor.

Whether you are considering nitrous oxide for your practice or are seeking the newest techniques, this course will help dentists address the needs of their apprehensive patients. Many dental boards allow hygienists and dental assistants to monitor/administer nitrous oxide. Learn strategies for maximizing the clinical team's role. Additionally, discover techniques for augmenting nitrous oxide with a modest dose of oral sedation, providing a safe alternative for conscious sedation.

"Dr. Sangrik and his staff helped my entire team come to a good understanding of using nitrous. The practice portion was very well run. It was a great learning experience."

-Course Attendee

**Suggested Audience:** General Dentist and Specialist, Clinical and Business Team

Suggested Format: Full- or Partial-Day; Lecture, Workshop, Keynote



## **LEARNING OBJECTIVES:**

- Understand the states of anesthesia as recognized by the ADA and ASA
- Identify the two major components of human physiology that contribute to survival: the cardiovascular system and the respiratory system
- Examine the pharmacology and properties of nitrous oxide
- Pinpoint the causes of dental fear and evaluate which patients are favorable candidates for sedation
- Understand operation of the equipment used in nitrous oxide sedation
- Explore manual-vs-digital nitrous oxide units as well as the new Silhouette® system
- Learn an appropriate protocol to sedate a patient: pretreatment through dismissal
- Assess the complications associated with nitrous oxide sedation, techniques to avoid them and appropriate responses should they occur
- Discover an effective technique to augment the efficacy of nitrous oxide sedation with oral sedation



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