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About the speaker:

Dr. Wynn is Professor of Pharmacology at the Dental School, University of Maryland, Baltimore, MD. He was awarded the BS in Pharmacy, MS and PhD degrees all from the University of Maryland. He was a practicing pharmacist for 10 years. He chaired the Department of Pharmacology at the University of Maryland Dental School from 1980 to 1995. Previously he chaired the Department of Oral Biology at the University of Kentucky Dental School in Lexington. His research laboratories have contributed to the development of inhalant and intravenous anesthetics, and agents for control of chemotherapy-induced nausea. He has to his credit over 400 publications including original research articles, textbooks, book chapters, and monographs. He has given continuing education seminars since 1975 to dental professionals in the US, Canada, Mexico, and Europe. He is the lead author and chief editor of *Drug Information Handbook for Dentistry*, now in its 22nd edition, published by LexiComp, Inc. He is the lead dental content author for the LexiComp Online Dental Web Applications, including Iphone, Ipad, and Android platforms. His chief interest is in teaching pharmacology to dental and dental hygiene students, and in keeping dental professionals informed of current and new drug information relative to dental practice.

Objectives for this course:

1. To articulate and inform licensees about COMAR 10.44.22, the new Maryland Dental Regulation on Continuing Education and the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program of the State of Maryland
2. To identify proper prescription writing practices
3. To describe opioid drug prescribing and the prescription drug abuse crisis
4. To identify best practices for appropriate handling and disposal of medications and controlled substances
5. To review the use of the non-narcotic pain relievers to reduce the number of opioids needed for post-operative pain and important drug interactions
6. List the new antibiotics now in the FDA approval pipeline
7. Describe the protocols for managing patients taking the new blood thinners
8. Describe the developing protocols for physicians certifying patients for medical marijuana
9. Describe the current evidence associating periodontal disease with increasing risk of heart attacks