Patient demonstrations highlight 6-day event

Greater New York Dental Meeting scientific session, Nov. 23–28; exhibit floor: Nov. 25–28

September starts the countdown to the largest dental congress and health care meeting in the United States.

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contractions by blocking beta-adrenergic receptors of the sympathetic nervous system.

Labetolol — beta-antagonist: is a mixed alpha/beta adrenergic antagonist, which is used to treat high blood pressure.

Hydralazine: is a direct-acting smooth muscle relaxant used to treat hypertension by acting as a vasodilator primarily in arteries and arterioles.

Injectable anti-arrhythmic

Adenosine (Adenocard) — anti-arrhythmic: used for treatment of paroxysmal supraventricular tachycardia by slowing conduction time through the AV node as well as interrupting the re-entry pathways through the AV node.

Amiodarone (Cordarone) — anti-arrhythmic: a class III agent that inhibits adrenergic stimulation, which prolongs the action potential, decreases AV conduction and sinus node function. It is used for life-threatening recurrent ventricular fibrillation or hemodynamically unstable ventricular tachycardia.

Lidocaine — anti-arrhythmic: is a class Ia anti-arrhythmic drug that is used intravenously for the treatment of ventricular arrhythmias.

Verapamil (Isoptin/Calan) — anti-arrhythmic: used for the treatment of paroxysmal supraventricular tachycardia, atrial flutter and atrial fibrillation.

Vasopressin (Pitressin) — an anti-diuretic hormone: adjunctive treatment used in pulseless ventricular tachycardia/ventricular fibrillation.

Conclusion

In conclusion, the emergency drug kit is essential for the practice of dentistry. No practitioner is able to determine when he or she will be faced with a medical emergency that will require the use of emergency drugs. It is for that reason alone, dental healthcare practitioners should stay up-to-date on medical emergencies as well as the drugs used to treat them. Develop a regular protocol to where you and your staff are able to rehearse various emergencies using your emergency drugs.

Know their actions along with the route of administration.

You and your staff should always know the location of your emergency drugs. Assign a staff member the role of reviewing your emergency drugs each month to prevent expiration of these drugs.

Check out the emergency drug tracker from Emergency Drug Resource (www.buildyourowndrugkit.com) as another way to assist you in developing an expiration prevention program. None of us know when our patient’s life may depend on our readiness — and having the proper emergency drugs.

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A significantly expanded international program accommodated 6,656 international visitors in 2011, with sessions in French, Spanish, Portuguese, Italian and Russian.

The 2012 meeting runs Friday through Wednesday, Nov. 23–28.

The high-energy event, which never has a pre-registration fee, draws top dental professionals with an expansive exhibit hall and more than 300 educational courses, including full-day and half-day seminars, essays, hands-on workshops and a live, state-of-the-art, high-tech patient demonstration area.

New York City is full of cultural enclaves that give attendees the opportunity to experience foods, festivals, arts and more from all over the globe. Few cities offer a wider variety of iconic attractions, historic buildings and cultural sites.

Three major international airports, Newark Liberty (EWR), Kennedy (JFK) and La Guardia (LGA) and discounted hotel rates for registrants, make it easy for any dental professional to visit New York City and attend the meeting.

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Other highlights
- Essentials of Management: A "Mini-MBA" for dentists is offered by Bentley University.
- Dentist as the CEO: Learn the tools to improve the business side of your practice, such as controlling expenses, setting goals and hiring effectively.
- Healthy Living Pavilion: Have lunch with a registered dietitian and learn how to eat healthfully — while earning C.E. credit, plus there are many other valuable courses.
- Dental Management of Sleep Apnea: In one-hour sessions throughout the day, learn to work with sleep apnea patients.
- Yankee Boardwalk: Kick back with your favorite beverage, light fare, and upbeat music at a free, family-friendly event open to everyone, Thursday, Jan. 31.
- Friday Night Laughs: Share some giggles with colleagues, friends, and family when Kathleen Madigan takes the stage Feb. 1.
- Dentaltown: Discover new ways to implement technology in your office from your fellow dental professionals.
- RDH @ YDC: For the first time, the experts at RDH Magazine and RDH Under One Roof bring their continuing education sessions and other events to Yankee.

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