

Course: Pain in the What? Assessing Trigeminal Neuralgia and Facial Pain in the Dental Chair

Course Presentation Time: 1.5 Hour CEU (90 Minutes)

Course Presentation Date: April 2025

Course Description:

This course provides clear information and guidance for clinicians, as they navigate potential trigeminal neuralgia cases and the new ADA specialty of orofacial pain specialist. This complex and multifaceted field encompasses a wide range of conditions and treatments affecting the mouth, face, head, neck, and related structures. In this course learners will gain an introduction to the dental professional's role in that process of care as an interprofessional collaborative health care provider.

Course Objectives:

Upon successful completion of this course attendees will:

- List the basic symptoms of trigeminal neuralgia and chronic orofacial pain.
- Discuss the role of the dental hygienist in identifying and educating the patient on chronic and phantom pain.
- Complete a brief assessment for patients with reoccurring pain.
- Define the process for care referrals for patients with chronic pain.
- Investigate options for the management and treatment of chronic facial pain including medicaments and complementary therapies.