NEW CE REQUIREMENT FOR CONNECTICUT DENTISTS
Effective October 1, 2015

Public Act No. 15-198, “An Act Concerning Substance and Opioid Overdose Prevention,” was signed by Governor Malloy on June 30, 2015 and went into effect on October 1, 2015. This Public Act now requires Connecticut dentists to take one contact hour every two years of training or continuing education in prescribing controlled substances and pain management. This means that dentists are still required to take five of the mandatory continuing education courses (see complete list below), however one must be in prescribing controlled substances and pain management.

CSDA ANNUAL MEETING COURSE OFFERINGS THAT SATISFY THE NEW REQUIRED TOPIC:

Thursday, May 12th - 1pm – 2pm: “Combating a National Epidemic of Opiate Misuse: All Docks on Deck” with Robert Zavoski, MD

Friday, May 13th - 1:30pm – 4:30pm: Hurts So Good! Management of Post-Therapeutic Dental Pain and Patient Care Considerations” with Thomas Viola, RPh, CCP

NUMBER OF HOURS REQUIRED: The State of Connecticut mandates that licensed dentists must earn a minimum of 25 hours of CE credit every two years commencing on the first date of license renewal. Of those 25 total hours, one hour must be on the topic of “prescribing controlled substances and pain management” (as summarized above). Four additional hours of training must be obtained by an approved CE Provider in any of these ten topical areas:

- infectious disease (including immune deficiency syndrome and HIV)
- access to care
- risk management
- care of special needs patients
- domestic violence (including sexual abuse)
- record keeping
- cultural competence
- current topics in infection control and patient safety
- medical emergencies in the dental office (including current training in CPR)
- common medications prescribed (what you need to know before you treat)

The remaining 20 hours can be any combination of elective credits offered by approved providers in areas related to the licensee’s practice and reflect the professional needs of the licensee in order to meet the health care needs of the licensee’s practice. Internet-based, on-line and other distance learning opportunities are acceptable.

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Don’t miss the opportunity to earn the CE you need during CSDA’s 151st Annual Charter Oak Dental Meeting being held May 11 – 13 at Mohegan Sun. The Schedule-at-a-Glance found on pages 8 and 9 of the official Program Guide is a great reference if you want to see which courses satisfy a topic mandated by the State of CT. Of the 60 courses we are offering this year, 20 of them qualify for mandatory CE so there are plenty of opportunities to earn mandatory AND elective credits! Visit CSDA.com for complete details.

Please note: Questions about licensing should be directed to the State of Connecticut’s Department of Public Health: (860) 509-8000.