

# DENT-2332: PHARMACOLOGY AND THERAPEUTICS

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## Cuyahoga Community College

**Viewing: DENT-2332 : Pharmacology and Therapeutics**

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**Subject Code**

DENT - Dental Hygiene

**Course Number:**

2332

**Title:**

Pharmacology and Therapeutics

**Catalog Description:**

Discussion of pharmacological effects of drugs and anesthetics, adverse reactions, and their usual indications and contraindications for preoperative and postoperative client care. Overview of agents used specifically for pain management and medical emergencies presented, referencing the health history and dental hygiene assessment for treatment protocols.

**Credit Hour(s):**

2

**Lecture Hour(s):**

2

## Requisites

**Prerequisite and Corequisite**

DENT-1400 Preventive Oral Health Services II, and BIO-2500 Microbiology.

## Outcomes

**Course Outcome(s):**

Analyze the history of pharmacology and its relationship to oral health care.

**Objective(s):**

1. Identify the acts and the regulatory agencies within the federal government that affect the utilization of medications.
2. Review and discuss drug information references available to research information.
3. Define the ways in which medications are named and the significance of each.
4. Identify the format of a prescription and the common abbreviations used.
5. Identify the Schedules of Drugs (I-V), medications within each schedule and the abuse potential of medications within each schedule.

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**Course Outcome(s):**

Evaluate the actions of medications in the body and the methods of drug administration.

**Objective(s):**

1. Identify factors that may alter the effect of a medication.
2. Differentiate between dose, potency and efficacy in relationship to drug action.
3. Define the basic principles of pharmacokinetics, including absorption, distribution, metabolism and excretion within the body.
4. Explain the various routes of drug administration and list an example of a medication dispensed by each route.
5. List the various dosage forms of medications and give an example of a medication for each form.

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**Course Outcome(s):**

Interpret adverse drug reactions and their clinical manifestations.

**Objective(s):**

1. Explain the categories of adverse drug reactions.
2. Summarize the clinical manifestations of adverse reactions.
3. Review the toxicologic evaluation of drugs.

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**Course Outcome(s):**

Research the categories of drugs prescribed for use in dentistry and understand their use, pharmacologic effects, adverse reactions, contraindications, drug interactions and dental considerations.

**Objective(s):**

1. Define the role of the autonomic nervous system.
2. Identify drugs within each category of the autonomic nervous system: parasympathetic and sympathetic.
3. Name the types of analgesic drugs found within each category: non-opioids and opioids.
4. Describe commonly prescribed anti-infective, antifungal and antiviral agents.
5. Recognize the indications for use of anti-infectives in dentistry.
6. Summarize the prophylactic anti-infective regimens of treatment.
7. Summarize the use of general anesthetics and their application to dental treatment.

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**Course Outcome(s):**

Evaluate the categories of drugs taken by dental patients that may require modification to dental treatment and understand their use, pharmacologic effects, adverse reactions, contraindications, drug interactions and dental considerations.

**Essential Learning Outcome Mapping:**

Written Communication: Demonstrate effective written communication for an intended audience that follows genre/disciplinary conventions that reflect clarity, organization, and editing skills.

**Objective(s):**

1. Describe cardiovascular drugs and their significance to dental treatment.
2. Identify antituberculosis agents prescribed for the treatment of tuberculosis.
3. Recognize medications in the psychotherapeutic category and their relationship to dental treatment.
4. Give examples of endocrine, respiratory and gastrointestinal agents. Discuss drugs of abuse and their application to dental treatment.
5. Explain the classifications of antineoplastic medications and their relevance to dental treatment.
6. Identify the use of steroids in dentistry.
7. Describe the use of antihistamines and their effect on dental treatment.

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**Course Outcome(s):**

Evaluate the use of emergency medications and be prepared to respond appropriately to dental office emergencies.

**Objective(s):**

1. Name and describe several categories of emergencies and provide some common examples within each category: cardiac, respiratory, lost or altered consciousness, and/or drug-related.
2. Summarize the general measures that should be taken in preparation for treatment in the event of a dental office emergency.
3. List the primary support medications that should be included in a dental office emergency kit and several examples of both Level 1, Level 2 and second and third-level optional medications.
4. Identify several pieces of equipment that should be included in an emergency kit.

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**Course Outcome(s):**

Recognize the most common lesions found in the oral cavity and the pharmacologic agents used to treat them.

**Objective(s):**

1. List lesions seen in the oral cavity that are infectious in nature.
2. Identify oral lesions that result from an altered immune response.
3. Give examples of medication-induced oral side effects.
4. Describe oral lesions that resemble autoimmune-type reactions.

5. Discuss medication-induced oral side effects.
6. Recognize commonly prescribed medications used to treat oral lesions.

**Course Outcome(s):**

Analyze the main concerns relevant to the administration of medications during pregnancy and breast feeding.

**Objective(s):**

1. Define teratogenicity.
2. Explain the Food and Drug Administration's categories of medications for pregnancy.
3. Name several types of local anesthetic, anti-infective and anti-anxiety agents prescribed for use in dentistry and state their indications or contraindications for pregnant or breast feeding women.
4. Explain the intent of the Pregnancy and Lactation Labeling rule and the 3 narrative sections within the rule that explain maternal and fetal risk of each medication.

**Course Outcome(s):**

Critique herbal supplements and dietary products taken by patients in general and oral health care.

**Objective(s):**

1. Discuss the reasons that individuals choose herbal products over traditional medicine.
2. Identify federal legislation governing herbal and dietary products.
3. Explain the adverse effects and interactions associated with prescription medications.
4. Recognize the dental hygiene considerations associated with the use of herbal and dietary products.

**Methods of Evaluation:**

1. Examinations
2. Quizzes
3. Client case study
4. Participation
5. Projects and written assignments

**Course Content Outline:**

1. History of pharmacology
  - a. Federal regulatory agencies
    - i. Harrison Narcotic Act
    - ii. Food and Drug Administration
    - iii. Federal Trade Commission
    - iv. Drug Enforcement Administration
    - v. Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act
  - b. Drug names
    - i. Generic Name
    - ii. Trade Name
    - iii. Chemical Name
  - c. Prescription format
    - i. Heading
    - ii. Body
    - iii. Closing
    - iv. Superscription
    - v. Inscription
    - vi. Subscription
    - vii. Transcription
    - viii. Common abbreviations
  - d. Schedules of controlled substances
    - i. Schedule I
    - ii. Schedule II
    - iii. Schedule III

- iv. Schedule IV
- v. Schedule V
- 2. Drug action and handling
  - a. Characterization of drug action
    - i. Log dose effect curve
    - ii. Potency
    - iii. Efficacy
    - iv. Dose
  - b. Pharmacokinetics
    - i. Absorption
    - ii. Distribution
    - iii. Metabolism
    - iv. Excretion
  - c. Dosage forms
    - i. Tablet
    - ii. Capsule
    - iii. Pill
    - iv. Lozenge, troche
    - v. Suppository
    - vi. Solution
    - vii. Elixir
    - viii. Syrup
    - ix. Tincture
    - x. Spirit
    - xi. Lotion
    - xii. Emulsion
    - xiii. Suspension
    - xiv. Cream
    - xv. Ointment
    - xvi. Transdermal patch
    - xvii. Aerosol Spray
    - xviii. Intradermal Implant
    - xix. Micropump
  - d. Routes of administration
    - i. Oral
    - ii. Rectal
    - iii. Intravenous
    - iv. Intramuscular
    - v. Subcutaneous
    - vi. Intradermal
    - vii. Intrathecal
    - viii. Intraperitoneal
    - ix. Inhalation
    - x. Topical
  - e. Factors that alter drug effects
    - i. Patient compliance
    - ii. Psychologic factors
    - iii. Tolerance
    - iv. Pathologic state
    - v. Time of administration
    - vi. Route of administration
    - vii. Sex
    - viii. Genetics
    - ix. Drug interactions
    - x. Age and weight
    - xi. Environment
- 3. Adverse reactions

- a. Classifications
    - i. Toxic reaction
    - ii. Side effect
    - iii. Idiosyncratic reaction
    - iv. Drug allergy
    - v. Interference with natural defense mechanism
  - b. Clinical effects
    - i. Exaggerated effect on target tissues
    - ii. Effect on nontarget tissues
    - iii. Teratogenic effect
    - iv. Local effect
    - v. Drug interactions
    - vi. Allergic reactions
  - c. Toxicologic evaluation of medications
    - i. LD50
    - ii. ED50
    - iii. Therapeutic Index
4. Medications used in dentistry: therapeutic use, pharmacologic effects, adverse reactions, contraindications, drug interactions and dental hygiene considerations.
- a. Autonomic nervous system agents
    - i. Adrenergic agents
    - ii. Adrenergic-blocking agents
    - iii. Cholinergic agents
    - iv. Anti-cholinergic agents
    - v. Neurotransmitters
  - b. Non-opioid Analgesics
    - i. Salicylates
    - ii. Non-steroidal Anti-inflammatory agents (NSAID)
    - iii. Acetaminophen
    - iv. Medications used to treat gout
  - c. Opioid analgesics
    - i. Chemical structure
    - ii. Antagonists
  - d. Anti-infectives
    - i. Evolution of a dental infection
    - ii. Mechanism of action
    - iii. Categories
      - 1. Penicillins
      - 2. Macrolides
      - 3. Tetracyclines
      - 4. Clindamycin
      - 5. Metronidazole
      - 6. Cephalosporins
      - 7. Vancomycin
      - 8. Aminoglycosides
      - 9. Sulfonamides
      - 10. Fluoroquinolones
      - 11. Anti-tuberculosis agents
      - 12. Topical anti-infectives
      - 13. Anti-infective premedications guidelines
  - e. Antifungal agents
    - i. Nystatin
    - ii. Clotrimazole
    - iii. Ketoconazole
    - iv. Fluconazole
    - v. Amphotericin B
    - vi. Griseofulvin
  - f. Antiviral agents

- i. Acyclovir
- ii. Penciclovir
- iii. Nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors
- iv. Non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors
- v. Protease Inhibitors
- g. General Anesthetic agents
  - i. Stages and planes of anesthesia
  - ii. Types
    - 1. Inhalation anesthetics
    - 2. Volatile liquids
    - 3. Intravenous anesthetics
    - 4. Ultrashort-acting barbiturates
- h. Anti-anxiety agents
  - i. Benzodiazepines
  - ii. Barbiturates
  - iii. Nonbenzodiazepine-Nonbarbiturate Sedative Hypnotics
  - iv. Nonbenzodiazepine-Benzodiazepine Receptor Agonists
  - v. Centrally acting muscle relaxants
- 5. Medications that may alter dental treatment
  - a. Cardiovascular agents
    - i. Cardiac glycosides
    - ii. ACE inhibitors
    - iii. Angiotensin receptor blockers
    - iv. Anti-arrhythmic agents
    - v. Anticoagulants
    - vi. Antiplatelet agents
    - vii. Beta-adrenergic blockers
    - viii. Calcium channel blockers
      - 1. Diuretics
      - 2. thiazide
      - 3. Loop
      - 4. Potassium-sparing
    - ix. HMG-CoA Reductase Inhibitors
    - x. Vasodilators
  - b. Anti-tuberculosis agents
  - c. Psychotropic agents
    - i. a. Conventional antipsychotics
      - 1. i. High potency
      - 2. ii. Medium potency
      - 3. iii. Low potency
    - ii. b. Atypical antipsychotics
    - iii. c. Antidepressants
      - 1. Tricyclics
      - 2. Atypical
      - 3. Monoamine-Oxidase Inhibitors
      - 4. Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors
  - d. Endocrine agents
    - i. Thyroid and anti-thyroid agents
    - ii. Insulin
    - iii. Antidiabetic agents
      - 1. Sulfonylureas
      - 2. Meglitinide derivatives
      - 3. Biguanides
      - 4. Alpha-glucosidase inhibitors
      - 5. Thiazolidinediones
    - iv. Sex hormones and contraceptives
      - 1. Estrogens
      - 2. Progestins
      - 3. Anti-estrogens

- 4. Oral contraceptives
- 5. Hormone replacement therapy
- v. Bisphosphonates
  - 1. Specific agents
  - 2. Risk factors
  - 3. Osteonecrosis of the jaw
- e. Respiratory agents
  - i. Sympathomimetic agents
  - ii. Metered-dose inhalers
  - iii. Corticosteroids
  - iv. Leukotriene-pathway Inhibitors
  - v. Methylxanthines
  - vi. Anticholinergics
  - vii. Nasal decongestants
  - viii. Expectorants
  - ix. Mucolytics
  - x. Antitussives
- f. Gastrointestinal agents
  - i. H2 Receptor Antagonists
  - ii. Proton Pump Inhibitors
  - iii. Antacids
  - iv. Laxatives
  - v. Anti-diarrheals
  - vi. Emetics
  - vii. Anti-emetics
- g. Drugs of abuse
  - i. Definitions
    - 1. Psychological dependence
    - 2. Physical dependence
    - 3. Tolerance
    - 4. Addiction
    - 5. Habituation
    - 6. Withdrawal
  - ii. Central nervous system depressants
  - iii. Central nervous system stimulants
  - iv. Hallucinogens
- h. Antineoplastic medications
  - i. Sensitivity of neoplastic disease to chemotherapy
  - ii. Classification of antineoplastic agents
    - 1. Cell-cycle specific
    - 2. Cell-cycle non-Specific
  - i. Adrenocorticosteroids
    - i. Glucocorticoids
    - ii. Mineralocorticoids
  - j. Autocoids and Antihistamines
- 6. Emergency medicine
  - a. Facility protocol and preparation; basic emergency procedures
  - b. Primary Support medications
    - i. Level 1 medications
    - ii. Level 2 medications
  - c. Emergency Equipment
    - i. Level 1 Critical Devices
    - ii. Level 2 Secondary Devices
  - d. Emergency cardiac care: procedures and medications
    - i. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation
    - ii. Angina pectoris
    - iii. Acute myocardial infarction
    - iv. Cardiac Arrest
  - e. Respiratory emergencies: procedures and medications

- i. Hyperventilation
    - ii. Asthma
    - iii. Anaphylactic shock
    - iv. Acute airway obstruction
  - f. Lost or altered consciousness emergencies: procedures and medications
    - i. Syncope
    - ii. Seizures or convulsions
    - iii. Hypoglycemia
    - iv. Hyperglycemia
  - g. Medication-induced emergencies: procedures and medications
    - i. Opioid overdose
    - ii. Reaction to local anesthetics
    - iii. Reaction to vasoconstrictors
  - h. Other emergencies: procedures and medications
    - i. Extrapramidal reactions
    - ii. Acute adrenocortical insufficiency
    - iii. Thyroid storm
    - iv. Malignant hyperthermia
    - v. Cerebrovascular accident
    - vi. Bleeding
- 7. Oral Lesions and pharmacologic agents
  - a. Infectious lesions
    - i. Acute necrotizing ulcerative gingivitis
    - ii. Herpes infections
    - iii. Candidiasis
    - iv. Angular cheilitis
    - v. Alveolar osteitis
  - b. Immune reactions
    - i. Recurrent aphthous stomatitis
    - ii. Lichen planus
  - c. Miscellaneous oral conditions
    - i. Geographic tongue
    - ii. Burning mouth or tongue syndrome
    - iii. Pericoronitis
    - iv. Postirradiation caries
    - v. Actinic lip changes
    - vi. Stomatitis
  - d. Drug-induced oral lesions
    - i. Xerostomia
    - ii. Sialorrhea
    - iii. Hypersensitivity-type reactions
  - e. Autoimmune-type oral lesions
    - i. Lichenoid-like eruptions
    - ii. Lupus-like eruptions
    - iii. Stains
    - iv. Gingival Enlargement
- 8. Pregnancy and breast feeding
  - a. Medications used in dental treatment of pregnant/nursing patient
    - i. Local anesthetic agents
    - ii. Vasoconstrictors
    - iii. Analgesics
    - iv. Anti-infective agents
    - v. Antianxiety agents
  - b. FDA Risk summary for pregnancy
  - c. Pregnancy and Lactation Labeling Rule
- 9. Herbal products and dietary supplements



- a. Federal legislation
  - i. Dietary supplement health and education act
  - ii. Package labeling
  - iii. Good Manufacturing Practice
- b. Herbal supplements used in oral health care
  - i. Acemannan
  - ii. Essential oil mouth rinse
  - iii. Oil of cloves (Eugenol)
  - iv. Triclosan
  - v. Xylitol
- c. Other commonly used herbal and dietary supplements
  - i. Aloe
  - ii. Chamomile
  - iii. Echinacea
  - iv. Feverfew
  - v. Garlic
  - vi. Ginger
  - vii. Ginko Biloba
  - viii. Ginseng
  - ix. Kava Kava
  - x. Licorice
  - xi. St. John's Wort

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Physicians' Desk Reference.

## Resources Other

Online Student Resources:

<http://evolve.elsevier.com/Haveles/pharmacology> (<http://evolve.elsevier.com/Haveles/pharmacology/>) Textbook Resource Site

[www.medicinenet.com](http://www.medicinenet.com) (<http://www.medicinenet.com/>) Offers general medical info and dictionary

[www.rxmed.com](http://www.rxmed.com) (<http://www.rxmed.com/>) Comprehensive drug database

[www.fda.gov/cder/index.html](http://www.fda.gov/cder/index.html) (<http://www.fda.gov/cder/>) FDA Center for Drug Evaluation and Research

[www.druginfonet.com](http://www.druginfonet.com) (<http://www.druginfonet.com/>) Good site for commonly asked questions about meds

[www.lexi.com/dentistry](http://www.lexi.com/dentistry) (<http://www.lexi.com/dentistry/>) Lexi-comp Company

<http://www.rxlist.com> (<http://www.rxlist.com/>) Rx List (drug internet index)

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