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American Dental Association Releases ADA Practical Guide to Substance Use  
Disorders and Safe Prescribing

**CHICAGO, Oct. 21, 2015** — Available now from the ADA is the [ADA Practical Guide to Substance Use Disorders and Safe Prescribing](#). This publication is designed to assist the dental team in dealing with complicated pain/sedation management and opioid abuse issues. It also addresses regulations dentists must follow regarding the storage and recordkeeping of controlled substances.

Edited by Michael O’Neil, PharmD, chapter topics include drug diversion; understanding the disease of substance use disorders (SUD); detection and deterrence of SUD and drug diversion; office management of controlled substances; and addiction and impairment in the dental professional. The [ADA Practical Guide to Substance Use Disorders and Safe Prescribing](#) also covers commonly used illicit, prescription, and over-the-counter drugs, in addition to alcohol and tobacco.

Alison Bramhall, manager of Dentist Health and Wellness for the ADA Council on Dental Practice, stated, “This guide is the first of its kind to address the many issues of substance use disorders in the dental practice. It provides practical information to guide the decision making of the dental practitioner in order to protect their patients, their staff and the public.”

The [ADA Practical Guide to Substance Use Disorders and Safe Prescribing](#) can be ordered at [adacatalog.org](#) or by calling the ADA Member Service Center at 1-800-947-4746. ADA member price is \$59.95 and retail price is \$89.95.

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