

## **N. C. Dental Opioid Update Course: 2021**

(for 2022 Dental License Renewal)

I am pleased to announce that once again I will be offering our N. C. Dental Opioid Update Course for 2021. Our course is approved by the North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners. Completion of this course in 2021 will fulfill the requirement of North Carolina dentists with a DEA license to become compliant for dental license renewal for 2022. (Note: If you do not have a DEA license you may take the course but is not required for dental license renewal).

As you know, 2017 was the first year the N.C. General Assembly required dentists seeking dental license renewal in North Carolina to take a course on opioid prescription writing. Pursuant to House Bill 97, at least a one-hour opioid CE course for controlled substance prescribing practices and pain management is required. Since House Bill 97 is a general statute in the N. C. Law, dentists are required to take a course on opioid prescription writing each year until further notice.

I will present this course specific to our dental practices as an update focusing on new and relevant changes to opioid prescribing and entertain clinical questions that we face as practitioners.