# N. C. Dental Opioid Update Course: 2020

(for 2021 Dental License Renewal)

I am pleased to announce that I will again be offering the N. C. Dental Opioid Update Course for 2020 approved by the North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners. Completion of this course in 2020 will fulfill the requirement of North Carolina dentists with a DEA license becoming compliant for license renewal for 2021. (Note: If you do not have a DEA license you may take the course but is not required for 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, that requires at least a one-hour opioid CE course for controlled substance prescribing practices and controlled substance prescribing for pain management.

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.

In addition, please consider scheduling a time in 2020 for your ***dental study club*** to help your members obtain this requirement for dental license renewal in 2021! I will come to your local study club in your town and teach the course at your convenience. In 2020, I want to make it available to all dental study clubs in North Carolina for dental license renewal in 2021.

Please contact me as soon as possible to schedule for 2020 so that I may be able to meet your request as to the month, day and time you would like to have the course taught at your dental study club.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

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