



# LOCAL ANALGESIA FOR DENTAL HYGIENISTS

**COURSE NUMBER:**  
2114

**CONVENER:**  
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**PRESENTERS:**  
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**COURSE FORMAT:**  
Lecture program/hands-on labs session

**DATE:**  
Wednesday 14 July 2010  
Thursday 15 July 2010  
Friday 16 July 2010  
(9.00am – 5.00pm each day)

**VENUE:**  
Melbourne Dental School  
720 Swanston Street, Carlton

**FEE (GST incl.):**  
\$1,600

**REGISTRATION LIMIT:**  
20

**CPD CREDIT:**  
18 hours Scientific CPD

## AIMS

To develop the ability of dental hygienists to deliver local analgesia that will meet the needs of:

- dental hygiene practice
- the standards required by the Dental Practice Board of Victoria

## OBJECTIVES

On the successful completion of this course participants should be able to:

- demonstrate an understanding of the principal clinical application of anatomy to the administration of local analgesia
- demonstrate an understanding of the pharmacology and action of local analgesia
- identify the need for and selective application of pain control strategies
- administer local analgesia appropriate to the practice of dental hygiene including topical analgesia, infiltration and inferior dental nerve block
- understand and apply the indications and contra-indications for administering local analgesia
- demonstrate an understanding of the management of complications associated with local analgesia

Pre-reading material will be supplied including refresher material on anatomy of the head and neck.

This course comprises a combination of didactic and practical work incorporating supported clinical experience and small group work. It will include clinical experience in the administration of local analgesia and also externally supervised practice experience.

This program contains all the elements of the Bachelor of Oral Health undergraduate program in local analgesia and the 'pain control' competencies defined for Dental Hygienists by the ACTRAC registered program and is designed to meet the needs of the Dental Practice Board of Victoria's Codes of Practice for Dental Auxiliaries. This course has also been accepted by the Dental Board of Queensland and the Dental Council of New Zealand as appropriate for practice in the administration of local analgesia in these jurisdictions.