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# Opioid Crisis: The Role of Health Care Providers

He lost his son to opioids.  
Now he's changing how  
dentistry treats addiction.



**Dr. Omar Abubaker**  
**DMD, PhD**  
**Chairman of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, VCU**

### Course Description:

Dr. Abubaker will discuss the unintended consequences prescription opioids can have on patients. He talks about the relationship between over-prescribing and addiction using a story that hits close to home; his 21-year-old son passed away after overdosing. Dr. Abubaker suspects his son's addiction began after he was prescribed opioids for a shoulder surgery. An overview of opioid prescription guidelines will also be reviewed.

### Course Objectives:

- Review prescribing patterns, and determine when opioids are required
- Learn how to spot addiction, how it can be prevented, and how to direct patients to treatment
- Discover non-narcotic pain relievers that can be prescribed as alternatives to opioids.

**Date:** Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019

### Tuition:

OWDSC Member: Free  
OWDSC Member Staff: \$75  
Non-Member Dentist: \$250  
Other: \$100

**RSVP:** ce@gumdocs.com

**Time:** 9:00am - 4:00pm

**CE Points:** 6 (Core 2) Credits

**Location:** Ottawa Conference and Event Centre  
200 Coventry Road

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**\*Lunch is included in tuition**

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