

RE: Dental Provider response for Tramadol and Codeine in children.

Good Evening,

First, I think it is important to note that not all dentists prescribe controlled substances. It all depends on the type of practice and procedures being performed. As I am sure you know, in order for a dentist to prescribe a controlled substance, they must first register with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration. For sedation dentistry, Nevada requires a separate permit which will require a site visit by the Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners.

Dentists can learn the latest on prescribing controlled substances through the Nevada Dental Association's continuing education courses and informational updates, through mailed resource guidelines provided by the Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners (such as this: <http://dental.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/dentalnv.gov/content/Home/Features/Provider%20Resource%20for%20Prescription%20Pain%20Relievers.pdf>), and through the American Dental Association's online and in-person continuing education courses, social media informational blasts, and the ADA Center for Professional Success which has webinars and regulatory reports.

To specifically address your question, the American Dental Association's April 2017 ADANews provided dentists with information regarding the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's drug safety communication which stated that tramadol and codeine are approved for use in adults only. Alternative medications should be prescribed when choosing pain management for children.

I hope this answers your question. If there is additional information that you might need, please let me know.

Best,

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