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Organization for Safety, Asepsis, and Prevention Commitment Statement on Countering the U.S. Opioid Epidemic

The Organization for Safety, Asepsis, and Prevention (OSAP) joins the National Academy of Medicine and over 50 organizations to form the Action Collaborative on Countering the US Opioid Epidemic. Governmental and regulatory entities, non-profit organizations, higher education, and healthcare entities have come together to respond to the current Opioid Epidemic gripping our nation. OSAP joins other dental partners such as the American Dental Association in committing to be a part of the solution for this important clinical challenge facing our nation.

OSAP was founded in 1984, and is a growing community of clinicians, educators, researchers, and industry representatives who advocate for safe delivery of oral healthcare. OSAP's *The Safest Dental Visit™* focuses on strategies to achieve safe dental visits for dental patients and dental healthcare personnel. OSAP offers education and training in infection prevention & control and safety. OSAP has an extensive online collection of resources, publications, frequently asked questions (FAQs), checklists, and toolkits to help dental professionals deliver compliant and infection free care for their patients. Many of the resources and materials are available to the non-member public.

OSAP is supportive of healthcare providers who manage chronic pain of the oral and maxillofacial complex and acknowledges the challenges for providers and patients. OSAP recognizes the value of interprofessional approaches toward pain management and is committed to addressing the opioid epidemic through professional development, education and engagement in health policy where appropriate. OSAP is further committed to working with specialty organizations and educators to promote and disseminate evidence-based guidance and resources for safe and effective pain management.

In summary, OSAP supports the Action Collaborative on Countering the US Opioid Epidemic. And is honored to engage in this valuable patient safety initiative which impacts dental healthcare professionals and patients alike. Together with this extensive network of clinical organizations and providers, the fight against this epidemic can be won as an interprofessional action working towards a common goal of patient safety.

Respectfully submitted,

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