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**CANCER AWARENESS WEEK**

Oral cancer remains the commonest form of cancer and cancer related deaths among Indians and this high prevalence is mainly due to avoidable risk factors such as tobacco and alcohol use, coupled with scarcity of accessible, preventive, and curative health care services in these countries. Oral cavity is easily accessible for screening and visible mucosal changes precede almost all oral malignancies. This is not only because India is the third largest consumer of tobacco but also because there is scarcity of screening services at population level, and when service are available there is a lack of awareness of seeking screening services. Thus , multiple barriers exist at the mass level.

International cancer day and cancer awareness week was organized By H.K.E's S Nijalingappa Institute Of Dental Sciences And Research, Kalaburagi in collaboration with District Health family welfare department from 4-2-2022 to 10-2-22 to educate the public about oral potentially malignant disorders manifest as distinct lesions before progressing to oral cancer which can be clinically detected by conventional oral examination . Principal DR Arvind Moldi and the staff of public health dentistry department Dr Subhash patil and Dr Naveen Karbhari, senior lecturer along with 10 house surgeons actively took part in the screening camps.

About 60 patients attended the screening camp on Februray 4<sup>th</sup> 2022 at Afzalpur Taluka government hospital, Jewargi on Februray 10<sup>th</sup> 2022 . Health education for oral cancer scree3ning was done for patients attending the outpatient department. Patients were regarding various side effect of smoke and smokeless tobacco through the personnel interviews and direct examination of the oral cavity. Public were educated about the early signs with self examination and reporting, various treatments available for the oral health



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**REPORT ON WORLD ORAL HEALTH DAY**


Oral health is essential to general health and well being and greatly influences equality of life. It is defined as a state of being free from mouth and facial pain, oral disease and disorders that limit an individual's capacity in biting, chewing, smiling, speaking and psychosocial wellbeing.

**Aims**

- To create the awareness about oral health problem
- To enhance the prevention of diseases that might affect health

Department of Public Health Dentistry conducted a program on world oral health week from 16/3/22 to 22/3/22. We took this opportunity to raise awareness about oral health issues and educate to reduce the spread of oral health problem. Department of Public Health Dentistry staff Dr. Subhash , Dr. Naveen and Dr Ambika and 18 interns Conducted oral health camps in schools and orphanage. Interns performed the skit title "Healthy mouth" by the skit they gave message that importance of oral health and how to keep oral hygiene proper. Around 500 students we have screened.

  
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**"REPORT ON WORLD NO TOBACCO DAY"**

31<sup>st</sup> May every year is "WORLD NO TOBACCO DAY". This year the theme of this day is "Tobacco Threat to Our environment". According the World health organization tobacco kills over 8 million people every year and destroys the environment. Growing tobacco beaches essential nutrition from the soil and pollutants the water and air. Tobacco smoke contributes to air pollution and contains three kinds of greenhouse gases.

HKE Society's S.Nijalingappa Institute of Dental Sciences & Research Kalaburagi conducts awareness programme every year and this year also the department of Public Health Dentistry has taken a lead to conduct a street play on tobacco awareness. The campaign was inaugurated by the principal Dr. Arvind Moldi and Vice Principal Dr.Satish Patil. The campaign was arranged by the college in order make common people and college students to understand the toll tobacco takes on life. The Interns and students of the college have performed a street play in Government college campus. The skit mainly focused on young students get influence by peer group or work pressure start the consuming the tobacco and showing smoking and chewing tobacco lead to short or long terms effects on health. This skit helped students in making others understand what tobacco actually does to a personal life.

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