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ORAL CANCER AWARENESS PROGRAMME - FINAL REPORT

Date: 07.11.2014 to 21.11.2014

In commemoration of oral cancer awareness programme, Mahatma Gandhi post graduate institute of dental sciences had organized an **Oral Cancer Awareness Raising Programme** through the **Dept. of Public Health Dentistry** from 7th November 2014 to 21st November 2014. The event took place in the reception hall of our institution from 8 am to 12.30 pm every day.

In addition to the programme, on 8th November 2014 an informative lecture on **"Odontogenic Tumours"** has been given by our **Dean Prof.Dr.V.Ramesh,MDS**, in a CME programme for General Pathologists /Medical Officers at **Indira Gandhi Medical College and Research institute,kadhirkamam,puducherry**, organised by Tamilnadu-Pondicherry chapter of Indian Association of General Pathologists.

The lecture was carried out with the aim to spread the knowledge of jaw tumors to medical officers particularly in the specialty of General Pathology to enhance the identification of the jaw tumours/oral carcinomas at early stages.

Towards the awareness raising programme within the institution, an organizing team consisted of Dr.S.Saravanan, Prof & Head, Dr.K.R.Lenin, Asst.Professor, Mr.N.Krishnamoorthy (CRRI), Mr.Ritul Ratish (CRRI),Ms.Elavarasi.K(CRRI),Ms.Sasirekha.J(CRRI),Ms.Kanimozhi.D(CRRI),Ms.Premalatha.D(CRRI), Ms.Yasin Mahira.T(CRRI), and Ms.Purnima Radesh(CRRI) have performed the oral health education activities to the patients coming to our hospital.

Prof Dr.V.Ramesh, MDS, Dean, MGPGI.had visited and evaluated the programme and gave his valuable suggestions on improvising the programme. As per his suggestion, **specimens** from the **museum of oral pathology department** about carcinoma of the jaw and tumour of the salivary gland were displayed to raise awareness among the patients by creating a shock effect about the tobacco abuse.

All the patients who visited the oral cancer awareness stall were educated about the causes, manifestation and prevention aspects of oral cancer .Pamphlets also were issued regarding the ill effects of tobacco, areca nut and alcohol –the risk factors for oral cancer and the beneficial effects after quitting the habit.

A total of 794 patients participated in the awareness programme in two weeks duration .487 were males and 307 were females .80 (10%) of them were identified to have some form of deleterious habits as given below:

Tobacco smoker	- 43
Tobacco chewer	- 07
Plain betel quid chewer	- 15
Areca nut chewer	- 06
Alcohol use	- 04
Combinations	- 05

A special attention was given in educating the above group to quit the habit. The suspected lesions of malignant potential have been referred to concerned departments for further evaluation and follow up.

A glimpse of the programme photos have been attached for your kind perusal.

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Enclosure: Programme Photos

PHOTOS OF THE PROGRAMME

