

MIMER MEDICAL COLLEGE , TALEGAON DABHADE
REPORT ON CAMP ON
ORAL CANCER DETECTION & DENTAL CARIES IN CHILDREN
ORGANISED BY DEPT OF DENTISTRY
30TH & 31ST MAY 2019

A comprehensive oral health check-up camp was organized by Dept of Dentistry on 30th and 31st May 2019. The camp was specially organized with a view to screen patients for signs/ symptoms of oral cancer especially those patients with a history of many years of oral habits such as smoking, tobacco and gutkha chewing etc. All these patients were subjected to a full mouth examination, inspection, palpation of regional lymph nodes and check-up to exclude any early signs or symptoms of oral cancer or pre-cancerous conditions.

In addition, the camp was also targeted towards children prone to dental caries. All children reporting to the camp were examined and a detailed history including dietary intake of carbohydrates were taken. Parents accompanying the children were educated about the importance of brushing, use of mouthwashes, control of dietary intake of sugary foods etc. They were explained that dental caries is entirely preventable if proper oral hygiene measures are undertaken. Children and parents were given a demonstration of correct brushing techniques. Patients were also given free toothbrush/tooth paste. All adult patients giving a history of oral habits were given a detailed instruction of the dangers of prolonged use of tobacco, gutkha, paan, alcohol etc. Flip charts showing the outcome of such habits were used for patient education. Patients with suspected pre-cancerous lesions or suspicious oral ulcers were scheduled for radiographs and biopsy as indicated.

Total number of patients seen in the camp were 65. Total number of patients scheduled for follow up were 31. Feedback obtained from the patients after attending the camp reported a high degree of satisfaction and most were happy with the attitude and care of the doctors at the camp.

Some specific suggestions received were :- to have the facilities of a pediatric dentist; facilities for orthodontist, better signposting of the Dental Department. General suggestions were for better cleanliness of the hospital and proper arrow system for location of wards.







