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MYTHS AND TABOO IN DENTISTRY AT BUDHABENDI CHI WADI SCHOOL, WAVANJE VILLAGE

Date: 27th June 2024

Venue: Budhabendi Chi Wadi School, Wavanje Village

Faculty: Dr. Kashmira Kadam, Dr. Neeraj Kolge

Organizing Agency: Department Of Public Health Dentistry, MGMDCH; NSS Unit, MGMDCH; Hindalco Industries Ltd

Number of Students attended: 4

India, a developing country faces many challenges in rendering health needs to its countrymen. A majority of Indian population resides in rural areas. Indian population consists of people from varied cultural and religious backgrounds. People believe in spiritual treatment and alternative forms of medicine, they prefer visiting a hakim (local traditional practitioner) over a doctor. All these factors influence the prevalence of myth regarding health in Indian society. Culture has its own influence on health and sickness. The influence of culture is seen in every discipline of health and medical practices, and dentistry is no exception. Society and culture, which are linked to behavioral patterns, largely influence the health outcomes of a population. MGM Dental College constantly takes efforts of extending the oral health care to the community. The oral care initiative was also extended to patients at Budhabendi Chi Wadi School, Wavanje Village with the intention of creating awareness about the myths and taboo in Dentistry.

Aim and objective:

1. To assess the oral health status of patients and to provide necessary Dental treatment.
2. To educate them and create awareness about importance myths and taboos in Dentistry.

Method:

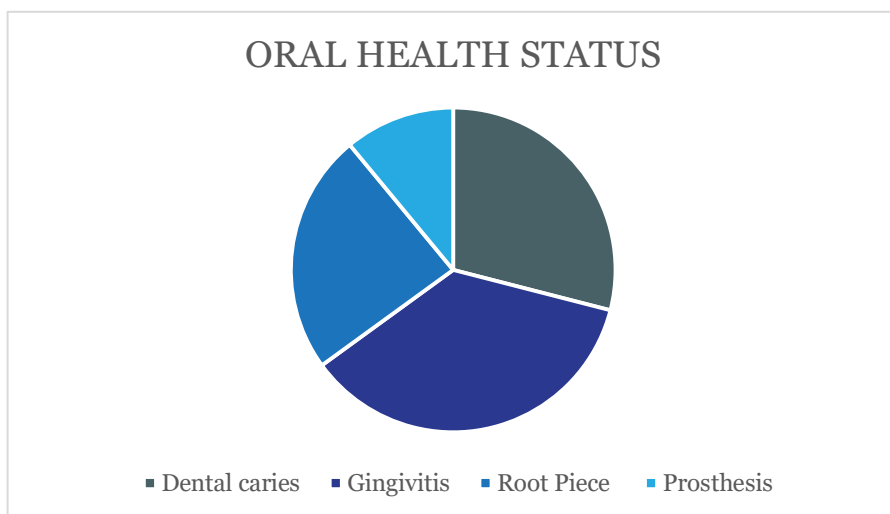
Number of features namely; diet, smoking, alcohol, hygiene, stress and exercise are linked to a wide range of important diseases forming fundamental basis of common risk factor approach to prevent range of conditions including oral diseases. Among these, hygiene is most significant when it comes to prevention of oral diseases. Little is known about oral health attitude and behaviors and practices among people from developing countries.

All the information were provided to the children using a Oral Health education chart and models. A type III examination was carried out with the use of tongue depressors in day light. All the patients were assessed for oral health status and were explained the need to get the problems corrected. The patients were made aware of the existing dental problems and how important it is to get them treated.

Observations: A total of 38 patients were examined for various dental problems. Those requiring extensive treatment were referred to MGM Dental College and Hospital, Kamothe.

Oral health status:

Condition	No. of individuals	Percentage %
Dental caries	11	29
Gingivitis	14	36
Root piece	9	24
Prosthesis	4	11



Interpretation and conclusion:

1. Dental caries and gingivitis are the most common problem among the patients which can be reduced by utilizing proper and prompt treatment
2. Oral health education and prevention strategies should be implemented in order to reduce the disease burden among these patients. Majority of the oral diseases are due to lack of proper health education of the patient.

India, a developing country faces many challenges in rendering oral health needs. There is a very strong influence of the various myths on health seeking behavior in Indian population consisting of people from different cultural backgrounds. Myths are part and parcel of everyone's life. As systems are becoming more entangled and people's expectations of health-care are increasing with great flare. Understanding the myths and misconceptions about oral diseases is of prime importance in providing excellent care and health education to

both patients and healthy individuals, as the high prevalence of these myths will further prevent such population from obtaining proper dental care even if it could be made available to them.



TEAM MEMBERS AT THE CAMP SITE



ORAL EXAMINATION PERFORMED BY THE TEAM MEMBERS

List of Attendees

Name of Staff	
1.	Dr. Karishma Kadam
2.	Dr. Neeraj Kolge
Name of Interns	
3.	Tejal Rane
4.	Vishal Obhan
5.	Sangeeta Sharma
6.	Karuna Mishra