



**MAHATMA GANDHI MISSION'S DENTAL COLLEGE &
HOSPITAL**

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EXTENSION & OUTREACH ACTIVITY POLICY

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

We at MGM DCH are keen to extend our expert services and support towards community oral & general health needs by providing promotive, preventive, curative & rehabilitative services along with providing learning opportunities at community settings.

OBJECTIVES

1. Creating awareness about ill effects of tobacco, pre malignant disorders, oral cancer & oral hygiene maintenance measures.
2. Conducting screening programs for oral health and hygiene, oral pre cancerous and cancerous lesions and referral of such patients to MGM hospital for treatment.
3. To provide dental care services to the rural population deprived of dental care facilities in Raigad District and surrounding areas and reaching out to communities to provide dental care using Mobile Dental Van.
4. Delivering comprehensive dental care to rural population through means of peripheral centres in Raigad district.
5. Providing basic as well as advanced dental health care services to referred patients at tertiary health Centre (MGM DCH)
6. To initiate, conduct and publish meaningful epidemiological research.

MEASURES

1. Ensure that community extension & outreach programmes are integrated in the core teachings and education of the students and interns.
2. Endeavour to encourage faculty and students to participate in research activities in the community.

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3. Develop and advance community partnerships which will benefit the community under the following interventions:
 - a. Initiate new and strengthen existing services and extension & outreach programmes.
 - b. Build and develop extension & outreach opportunities for staff and students to engage the community in advocacy.
 - c. Adopt either a village/school for undertaking outreach activities.
 - d. Collaborate with NGOs and local stakeholders in promoting mutual community extension & outreach activities.
4. Ensure the faculties are involved in the successful implementation of the extension & outreach activities.
5. Encourage and motivate students to participate in outreach activities with the adopted village/school or with the neighbourhood community under the supervision of staff concerned/ heads of the department or chairpersons of recognized units etc. who will be involved in community outreach activities.
6. Ensure that the chairpersons/co-ordinators/teachers/students collectively make sincere and dedicated efforts to channelize the energies of the students and others for the upliftment of the village/school/area/community.
7. Ensure that all the content developed/data collected during the collaboration with communities shall remain with the college records.
8. Establish a community extension & outreach committee.
9. Establish mechanisms to monitor implementations and recommend extension & outreach best practices.
10. Aptly respond to community extension & outreach concerns and make timely interventions.
11. Engage in resource mobilization for the community extension & outreach activity.
12. Ensure provision of favourable environment through which technological knowledge, research skills and training expertise are shared amongst the staff and the community.

POLICY STATEMENT

MGM Dental College & Hospital, Kamothe, Navi Mumbai is focused on the social commitment towards promoting good oral hygiene practices by organizing various outreach and extension activities throughout the year, to minimize the impact of diseases of oral and craniofacial origin on health and psychological development, giving emphasis to promote oral health and reduce oral disease amongst populations with greatest burden of such conditions in and around areas of Raigad district, Maharashtra.

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OUTCOME INDICATORS

- The extension & outreach programs developed and enhanced the students' academic skills, leadership qualities, self-confidence, communication skills, managerial skills, and responsibilities toward the rural community.
- Gaining a sense of community.
- Perceived control (believing you can make change in your life).
- Perceived control at community level (believing you can make change in your community).
- Critical awareness of the world around you (realizing how you are connected to others and how larger societal structures impact you).
- Taking action for change.

ENCHMARKS

1. Compulsory 1 month posting for interns at peripheral centres on rotation basis.
2. Interns are also posted on rotational basis at tobacco cessation center for tobacco cessation counseling for the patients
3. Approximately 20 extension & outreach programmes per month are planned by the institute.
4. Approximately 10 extension & outreach programs per month are planned to create awareness regarding oral as well as general health and hygiene measures/topics
5. Approximately 16 extension & outreach programmes are planned per month for screening for oral diseases affecting the community.
6. Approximately 6 extension & outreach programmes are planned per month for providing dental treatment services in the community setting through mobile dental van or through portable unit.



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