

Indian Prosthodontic Society – Uniting Hands for Community Services

A new campaign taken by Indian Prosthodontic Society towards community outreach program to reach maximum to the general population to create oral health awareness & to make them more aware towards this branch of dentistry as, the community based approach is method of active learning which involves integration of social sciences with medical domain, task- oriented and active community involvement.

Dental camps are the most important way to maintain the health of the community. In our country major concern is to improve the oral health and ensure that basic dental facilities should be available to every section of society. As among the Indian population nearly 75% resides in villages thus oral health is neglected due to lack of awareness. Dental camps in India are conducted on routine basis.

A one day denture camp is a unique community program to deliver removable denture including complete denture or removable partial dentures for the masses at their doorsteps, free of cost, for the rural population. Conducting a successful camp, especially denture camps includes assembling the manpower, finance, materials, equipment's, instruments, coordination and a team with a generous mind set. Through these camps, it is possible to rehabilitate more number of poor patients in a short span of time.

With these great thoughts in mind and doing something good for the society our Indian Prosthodontic Society under the dynamic leadership of Dr. Himanshu Aeran President Indian Prosthodontic Society took this pledge to serve the humankind by organizing series of such camps in different regions respectively.

Campaign 1: An excellent community outreach programme was organized by Indian Prosthodontic Society at Bijengere village in Raichur district between 16th to 20th Nov. Successfully. Total of 57 patients were screened in which 21 required complete denture, 36 requiring removable partial denture. Before beginning of the programme patients were educated about importance of Prosthodontic treatment and denture maintenance. Dentures were given by the chief guest Dr. D.N.S.V Ramesh, Principal, and Dr. Salim Dumbai, Administrator, AME's Dental College, Raichur Dr. Sunil Dhaded EC member, other staff with local social workers worked hard for the success of this camp.

Campaign 2: One more historical camp was organised by Indian Prosthodontic Society, Gujarat at a village near Greater Gir Forest by entire prosthodontic team of Ahmedabad Dental College & Hospital under the dynamic leadership of Dr. Darshana Shah on 18th -19th Jan, 16. Patients were screened for fabrication of complete denture and out of those 105 patients who were completely edentulous were selected for denture camp. Teams were divided and places were selected for clinical work, lab work and plaster work. Successfully 105 Complete Dentures with satisfactory retention and stability were given in a day by 38 Doctors, 5 Technicians and 10 Auxiliary Staff which was supported by, Narmadaben Madhavray Savani Foundation.

Campaign 3: A one more denture camp in the series of this community outreach programme was organized by Indian Prosthodontic Society, Nagpur in collaboration with VSPM Dental College & Research Centre Nagpur at Matushri Vridasharam Adasa being run by Bhartiya Aadim Jati Sewak Sung Vidarb, Nagpur Society 35 kms away from Nagpur. 36 Complete dentures and 14 RPD's were delivered in 2 days i.e. 5th & 6th Feb, 16 to the needy patients to ashram and nearby areas.

Dr. Himanshu Aeran President IPS visited the camp. He interacted with all patients & did some symbolic work to boost morals of working doctors. Dr. Usha Radke Dean VSPM & President IPS Nagpur, Dr. Harsh Arya Secretary IPS Nagpur, Dr. Anant Raj, Dr. Jayshree Joshi, PG students and interns worked hard for the success of this mega event of social service.











