

## **“Come Together to Care”- A New Venture for Cancer Sufferers**

**By  
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A memorable day in the chapters of Seema Dental College & Hospital when MOU memorandum of Understanding was signed between SDCH & Ganga Prem Hospice for taking care of cancer sufferers. Program was inaugurated by Director Principal Dr. Himanshu Aeran from SDCH, Dr. A.K. Dewan Medical Director of Rajiv Gandhi Cancer Institute, Dr. Brenda from Britain, Dr. William Shally from Australia team of doctors from GPH. Dr. Aditi from GPH & Dr. Akanksha Nautiyal from SDCH helped Dr. Aeran & Dr. Dewan to sign MOU and be a part of this noble cause.

Dr. Aeran Dir. Principal SDCH said that any cancer sufferers or terminally ill patients from the area of Rishikesh & Haridwar will be treated by one palliative care team. Dr. Aeran also told that every last Sunday of month a free camp will be organized by GPH in which experienced staff of SDCH will be providing free check-up and free treatment for the needy.

Dr. A.K Dewan appreciated the efforts put in by SDCH family for such good cause & said that this is the first time that a dental college is contributing so much in palliative care. Dr. Dewan told that 6 dental specialists Dr. Himanshu Aeran, Dr. Veena Raju, Dr. Amit Aggarwal, Dr. Gagan Khare, Dr. Jyotsna & Dr. Ranjeeta & eight PG students have completed palliative certified course & ready to serve the best they can do to the society. Both institutions have taken pledge to take care of the society from this fatal disease by organizing various awareness programmes on monthly basis.

Dr. R.K. Gupta Founder SDCH & Dr. Amit Gupta Chairman appreciated the joining of hands of Seema Dental College & Hospital with Ganga Prem Hospice and said that from this venture the population of this area will be benefited.

Miss Johana Gray and Elizabeth from Cambridge Hospital gave a brilliant lecture on the diet of palliative care patients. Dr. Brenda from Britain and Dr. William from Australia told about this palliative care program and said that this kind of service mental satisfaction to an individual. 120 participants from Seema Dental College & Hospital, Jolly Grant and from various other regions like Delhi & Punjab has attended this program. Dr. Awantika Tuli, Dr. Varun Kumar, Dr. Vivek Gaurav, Dr. Sagarika, Dr. Tripti Sharma, Dr. Akanksha Nautiyal, Tina Panesar, Darshan Singh contributed in the success of this event.

Seema Dental College organised one more exhibition on 4<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2016 for motivating and creating awareness in general public about cancer and celebrated this day as World cancer day. This exhibition was inaugurated by Dr. Amit Gupta, Chairman SDCH, Dr. Himanshu Aeran Director Principal, Mr. Vivek Sang Executive Director, Dr. Anirudh Pratap Singh Director.

On this occasion Dr. Aeran Director Principal of SDCH said that this day whole world should join hands to fight against this disease. As being doctors it's our duty to create awareness about early diagnosis and treatment for this disease.

Dr. Amit Gupta Chairman of SDCH appreciated the efforts put by students to spread awareness among the people of Uttarakhand against such deadly disease & requested them to continue such noble efforts. Department of Prosthodontics & Department of Public Health Dentistry put maximum efforts in this exhibition. Dr. R.K. Gupta Founder SDCH, Mr. Ajay Garg Honorary Director SDCH said that it is better to stop this disease at early stage as Prevention is better than cure. They even congratulated faculty, staff & students for contributing so much to the betterment of society.

On this event Dr. Prem Prakash Vice Principal SDCH, Dr. Suresh D.K, Dr. Amarinder Tuli, Dr. Neeraj Sharma, Dr. Jyotsna Seth, Dr. Devesh Tiwari, Dr. Gagan Sharma, Dr. Nidhi, Dr. Mehak, Dr. Bodhika, Dr. Lara, Interns Aaqil, Manish Mandoli, Sakshi, Neha, Srishti, Mr. Vibhash Kotnala, Mr. Prem Patodia, Darshan Singh Bisht, Tina Panesar, Hansraj Mandolia, Pramod Chaudhary, Sangeeta Sharma, Rajneesh were present.

One more step towards this noble cause was participating in the “Spring Walk/ Annual Ganga Walk” organised by Ganga Prem Hospice in aid of terminally ill patients. Seema Dental Team comprising of interns headed by Dr. Veena Raju who enthusiastically took part in this event. Along with many international volunteers from Ganga Prem Hospice our interns led with pride and actively participated in collection of donations for cancer patients.







