

# DENTAL COLLEGE & HOSPITAL

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7.2.1 Describe two institutional best practices as per the NAAC format provided in the manual

Response:

## **BEST PRACTICE NO.1**

### **1. Title of the practice**

Free transportation to patients from remote villages.

### **2. Objectives of the practice**

1. To provide free transportation facility for needful patients
2. To provide a way for patients who could not offer for their transportation to the hospital
3. To create interest in patients to come for the treatment.
4. It will help the patients to come for follow-up treatments.
5. To help the geriatric patients.
6. To create awareness among the people regarding the facilities available in dental college.

### **3. Context**

Transportation is difficult in some remote areas especially for geriatric patients which lead to the initiation of free transportation service to few remote areas. Also, free transportation provides gaining patients attention to also come for follow-up visits.

### **4. The practice**

Transportation is very important for the patient to visit us for treatment. Only few patients can afford to make it to the institution. Our institution provides free bus facility for the patients of remote areas. So that the patients who could not get the treatment because of lack of resources or lack of time and also the patients who need to visit for follow-up can come to institute free of cost. It is very helpful for the handicapped, geriatric and poor patients. Patients' oral health status will also improve overall.

### **5. Evidence of success**

1. Dental awareness among people increased.
2. Patient flow increased for the treatment.
3. Patients started to increase their interest towards oral health
4. The people from remote areas coming for treatment increased.
5. With this free transportation service, the handicapped patients and geriatric patients are highly benefited.

### **6. Problems encountered and resources required**



1. Due to a fixed schedule of transportation service patient needs to allocate time for the same
2. Giving appointments are difficult
3. Transportation is difficult to reach all areas
4. Extended multiple follow ups cannot be done on time due to a fixed schedule.



Free transportation for people from rural areas

## BEST PRACTICE NO.2

### 1. Title of the practice

Institutional outreach services for comprehensive community oral health care through camps.

### 2. Objectives of the practice

1. Spread oral health care awareness among the public & reduce oral disease burden
2. Reach voluntary oral health care services to the community
3. Reach oral health solutions to the unreached
4. Practice evidence based dental health care promotion strategies through community involvement, empowerment and capacity building

### 3. The context

As a reputable dental college, our institution is a pioneer in implementing community dental programmes through camps that provide all age groups in



society with critical oral health education and services, lowering the burden of oral illness. Assessment of the population in need is aided by evidence-based best practises. All of these community dental services contribute to the growth, improvement, expansion, and diversification of different oral health camps at zonal and regional levels. Initiatives to promote health are prioritised in addition to therapy. In order to enrich their experiential learning and instil a sense of social responsibility and professionalism in them, our institution, which serves as a centre for higher education, encourages and involves all of its undergraduate and graduate students in community dentistry service.

#### **4. The practice**

##### **✓ Conducting school and community dental camps**

- Several school and community dental camps have been organised by the department of pedodontics and preventive dentistry, public health dentistry.
- **A fully equipped dental van is used for all camps**
  - it comprises of dental chairs, water tank, few basic instruments.
  - Working team: staff, post graduates, undergraduates and attenders.
  - Oral health awareness talks are given using charts, posters, models.
  - Basic dental procedures are performed at site.

##### **✓ Spreading oral health awareness among the public thereby reducing oral disease burden**

- Health talks
- Public is addressed about prevention of oral diseases, deleterious habits and maintenance of oral hygiene.
- Specific dental camps to screen few diseases like: oral cancer/pre cancer, tobacco sensation etc

##### **✓ Reaching oral health care solutions to unreached population**

Dental camps are conducted in several rural areas within konaseema district regularly at places like ambajeeepeta, pulletikurru, bodaskurru, cheyuru, doddavaram ect

#### **5. Evidence of success**

Reflected in number of camps conducted and the beneficiaries.

Several camps were conducted in the last 5 years

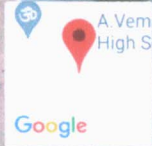
Hundreds of patients are benefited from the camps.

Improved oral health care as evident by the follow-ups

Active participation of the public.

#### **6. Problems encountered and resources required:**

Interruption of power supply at times.



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