

Mission

To be known for innovative dental education, commitment to cultural diversity, discovery, transfer of scientific knowledge, the superior skills of our students and the highest degree of patient care and service.

Vision

To be recognized as a leader in education, research, patient care and service

About Department:

Community Dentistry is defined as the branch of dentistry which is practiced in relation to population and group, which drives from epidemiology an awareness of service required to organize the application of these services for the benefit of the population. So, our aim of Community Dentistry department is to serve as a forum for scientifically based information in community dentistry, with the intention of continually expanding the knowledge base in the field. It is dedicated to training students in public health dentistry to work within interdisciplinary teams investigating the risk factors for oral disease, their relation to systemic disease, and on the use of oral epidemiological methods to study health outcomes of dental services and oral health policy. Students attend dental camps and perform initial screening examinations. In terms of patient care, it has an extensive outreach program where dental care is delivered to surrounding areas. The department maintains nine outreach centers to serve the population of Pune district. The department screens and treats around 15,000 patients annually.

HOD's Desk:

Dr. Renuka Girish Nagarale

The department of Public Health Dentistry is dedicated in training undergraduate students in prevention and control of oral diseases and promoting oral health through organized community efforts. In the department, we strive to give the right kind of education to our students and try to instill a strong value system in them. The environment in the department is such that there are no barriers hindering communication based on hierarchy, between students and teachers, thus ensuring free academic interaction and fearless expression of opinions. Since I firmly believe that prevention is better than cure, I move a step ahead to say that prevention is the cure itself. Long term beliefs of this motto will not just help our students to train themselves for their future challenges but it also will serve the community at large for which, we all as health professionals, are committed.

Academic Achievements:

Prizes

1. Secured **First Prize** in the **National level Essay competition** conducted by the Indian Society of Prosthodontics Restorative and Periodontics [ISPRP] 2010 at Mysore, Karnataka.
2. Secured **First Prize** in the **National level Essay competition** conducted by the Indian Society of Periodontology [ISP] 2010 at Bangalore, Karnataka.

3. Secured **First Prize** in Essay competition conducted by the Department of Periodontics, SDM College of Dental Sciences & Hospital, 2008, as a part of oral hygiene day celebration.

Publications

Four International publications

Academic Achievements:

Prizes

1. Second Prize in the National Essay Writing Competition, organized by the Indian Periodontal Society, Shimla, 2012.
2. Second Prize in Elocution Competition, Organized by IAPHD, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh, 2013.

Publications:

National- 01

International- 05