

INSTITUTIONAL BEST PRACTICES – 1

Title of the practice: KLR Chirunavvu

1. Objectives of the practice

"KLR Chirunavvu, the practice has initiated in the fond memory of late Dr.K.Lakshma reddy garu, the founder chairman of KLR group of institutions and carried out by the Lenora institute of dental sciences with the objective of bringing smiles on the faces of the rural population in and around Rajanagaram, East Godavari dist. The "KLR Chirunavvu" program is being executed through the periodic awareness sessions, screening & treatment camps and also rendering free treatment at the institution level.

2. The context

- The unusually high settlement of dental practitioners in the urban areas has led to the creation of wide gap in the accessibility of dental services by the rural people which constitute about 70% of population.
- The lack of awareness, affordability, inherent cultural practices, myths, beliefs of the community and the compounding role of dearth of dental public health.

Rural populations have lower dental care utilization, higher rates of dental caries, lower rates of insurance, higher rates of poverty, less water fluoridation, fewer dentists per population, and greater distances to travel to access care than urban populations. Improving the oral health of rural populations requires practical and flexible approaches to expand and better distribute the rural oral health workforce, including approaches tailored to remote areas.

our college thrives to train more providers prepared to work in rural areas include recruiting students from rural areas, training students in rural locations. increasing the flexibility and capacity of the oral health workforce for rural areas the college is conducting regular dental camps, periodic awareness sessions. to overcome the distance barriers college have come up with mobile clinics, telehealth technology, satellite clinics in rural areas providing treatment free of cost.

3. The practice

Conducting camps in nearby areas such as schools, colleges, old age homes, orphanages, factories, c, Government bodies and local community centres including special needs.

- Satellite centres at dowleswaram and Ramakrishna matam for rural oral health care service which caters to the clustered villages around.
- Patients in need of advanced treatment are referred to the institution and are also provided access to free transport.
- Oral health awareness and care for the especially abled (mentally and physically) groups and their care givers through regular campaigns of reaching them
- The geriatric population has one of the highest dental treatments needs and hence initiatives to reach them are taken like providing free complete dentures to geriatric patients bi annually by the department of prosthodontics
- fully equipped mobile dental van used for all dental camps.

It comprises of: dental chairs, dismantlable dental chairs, inbuilt water tank, compressor; audio system for facilitating oral health care talk

Working team: staff, postgraduate students, interns and attenders

Oral health awareness talks are given using charts, posters, models and games (edutainment); few innovative edutainment tools used children are: Kident, and Tooth fairy

Basic dental procedures are performed site. Elders and differently abled who cannot visit our hospital, given oral care at door step.

- Outreach activities are carried out on special days such as World Oral Health Day, World Anti-Cancer Awareness Month, and World No Tobacco Day, world environment day. oral hygiene day, world aids day where camps, skits, and public health talks were given by staff and students .

4. Evidence of success:

Reflected in the number of camps being conducted and the beneficiaries

Total Camps by the institution (last 5 years) -


5. Number of beneficiaries -

Improved oral health conditions (evident by follow ups)

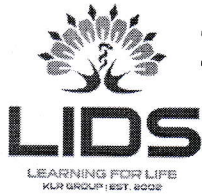
Active participation of the public, Alumni are participating in these outreach programmes till today. As all the treatments are free of cost the out patient record of the college has been drastically improved in the last 5 years.

6. Problems encountered and Resources required:

The major obstacle faced by the institution is in obtaining the approval from the authorities to conduct oral screening cum treatment camps due to government restrictions. The transport of oral healthcare personnel to distance areas along with the equipment and necessary infrastructure becomes an issue of logistics. The accommodations, availability of washrooms, food for the students and staff in areas of camps is a basic problem encountered.


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INSTITUTIONAL BEST PRACTICES – 2

Title of the practice: Better and fulfilling dental care free of cost

1. Objectives of the practice

To provide a high quality and range of dental services to the whole community, including consultations, X-Rays, routine restorative work, endodontics, treatment of periodontal disease, prosthesis, cosmetic work chargeless. To offer patients a friendly and professional service so that the outpatient number will increase. To refer to appropriately qualified specialist dental practitioners where necessary. Temporary treatment provided if necessary. To keep patients well-informed of costs and to discuss treatment progress at each stage, obtaining relevant consent. To offer a preventative service. To establish an individually – developed personal dental health regime for each patient to meet their dental care needs and aim for high level of oral health.

2. The Context

Providing free dental healthcare to the rural population has been a prime motive and vision of the Institution. Due to lack of awareness, people from the remote areas show less interest in dental healthcare despite several dental camps organized by the Institution. Our institution main aim remains strong, and that is to provide high end dental health care to the needy and the underprivileged for free. Not only providing dental care chargeless at the institution, our team, also organises camps at nearby rural areas every month to cater to these needs.

Our Institution is a forerunner in conducting community dental programmes that offer essential oral health care awareness and services to all age groups of society, thus reducing oral disease burden of the society. Evidence-based best practices help in assessing

regional and rural levels. In addition to treatment, health promotional initiatives are focused upon. As an elite centre of higher education, our institution is motivating and involving all our undergraduate and postgraduate students in not only at institutional level but also at community dental services; this enhances their experiential learning and imparts an attitude of social service and professionalism in them.

3.The Practice

- 1) To accelerate philanthropic service and help transform the society aiding in community -led changes.
- 2) To be a trusted and preferred serviced oriented institute in providing services in education, health, environment and focus on humanitarian development.
- 3) Our Values reflects who we are and what we stand for as an Institution.
- 4) To develop a relationship that make a positive difference in the lives of our patients.
- 5) To provide outstanding services and care and that, together, deliver happiness to our patients.
- 6) To uphold the highest standard of Integrity in all of our actions.
- 7) To work together, across boundaries meet the needs of our patients and to help the humanity win.
- 8) To value our People, encourage their development and reward their performance.
- 9) To exhibit a strong will to serve the mankind for the betterment of their lives.

We are personally accountable for delivering on our commitments with our patients.

4.Evidence of success

1. Dental awareness among people increased.
2. Patients flow increased for the treatment.
3. Patients started developing their interest towards dental health.
4. Number of people from remote areas increased.
5. Awareness among the people about the different treatments available in the college improved.
6. Students' exposure to different kind of patients and different procedures increased.
7. Geriatric and handicapped patients are highly benefitted as there is a free transport service.
8. Helps patients to complete their treatment procedures.
9. Patients are benefitted with the free dental care and free transportation.