Subject: Community Outreach Program by Indian Prosthodontic Society, Haryana State

Branch (Free Denture Camp) - Report.

Under the patronship of Indian Prosthodontic Society, a free Denture Camp was organised by Indian Prosthodontic Society, Haryana State Branch in collaboration with Department of Prosthodontics, Faculty of Dental Sciences, SGT University Gurugram, Haryana. It gives me great pleasure to share the information regarding the proceedings of the camp by Indian Prosthodontic Society, Haryana State Branch and Pierre Fauchard Academy.

This novel idea of helping the needy was conceptualized by Dr. Manu Rathee, President elect, IPS Haryana State Branch and Dr. Puja Malhotra, Professor and Head of Department, Prosthodontics, Faculty of Dental Sciences, SGT University Gurugram, Haryana. With joint efforts, this social service was organized in the month of September and culminated on 1st October'18. The Denture Camp was inaugurated on 1st October 2018 in the lush green Campus of Faculty of Dental Sciences, SGT University Gurugram, Haryana. The Monday morning evidenced the presence of energetic and enthusiastic volunteers comprising of Faculty members, Under Graduate students, Post Graduate students, attendants and technicians, all ready and excited about the day.

#### The organizing team comprised of the following members:

#### **IPS:**

The national executive body extended support for the event. Presence of Dr Manu Rathee, President Elect, IPS Haryana state branch and secretary Pierre Fauchard Academy for the event was a big support and provided encouragement to the young volunteers. Dr V. Rangarajan, Hon. Secretary, IPS very promptly extended consent and support for the activity.

Dr Mohaneesh Bhoria, Editor and Dr. Poonam Malik, Secretary, IPS Haryana actively contributed towards the success of the event.

#### Faculty of Dental Sciences, SGT University Gurugram, Haryana.:

The team from the college comprised of

Chief Patron: Mr. Ram Bahadur Rai (Chancellor, SGT)

Patron: Mr. Manmohan Singh Chawla (Managing Trustee, SGT)

Dr. Anil Gupta (Dean, FODS, SGT)

Organizing Chairman: Dr. Puja Malhotra

Organising Secretary Dr . Sumit Singh Phukela

Chief Co-Ordinator From IPS: Dr. Manu Rathee

Organizing Committee Members:

Dr. Nupur Dabas

Dr. Bhupender Yadav

Dr. Reshu Madan

Dr. Shefali Phogat

Dr. Shagun Gulia

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Dr. Priyanka
Dr. Sapna Rao
Dr. Diksha
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Mr.Vinod

Mr. Deepak

Mr Bijender

The idea of extending the oral healthcare facilities to the needy in the society was the main

reflectance in the organization of this Free Denture Camp. Fifty Five edentulous patients were

selected for this program after their screening based on their financial status. Patients were

registered and the details of the selected patients were recorded. The aim was to reach out to the

poor patients who are deprived of the treatment due to financial constraints which also reflected

in the title of the program "let's take a stand against edentulism". On the final Day of the camp

i.e, 1st October '18 ( on occasion of International Day for older persons), the dentures were

inserted and the patients were given free denture boxes and counselled about the maintenance

and care of their dentures.

The schedule planned for the camp was as follows

1<sup>st</sup> Oct 2018

8:30 am to 10:30 am – Denture adjustments

10:30 am to 11:00 am – Refreshment (snacks) for the patients

11:00 am to 1:00 pm – Distribution ceremony

The Camp with the main idea of "Lets take a stand against edentulism" began in the month of September 2018. The student volunteers under the supervision of the faculty worked very hard complete the work so that the dentures could be inserted on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018 to commemorate the International day for older persons. The excitement and enthusiasm of the volunteers was commendable and appreciable. Everyone worked through the out the camp to complete the laboratory procedures.

The dawn of the next morning witnessed the presence of patients, volunteers, Staff, attendants, all ready for the day's work. The jaw relation recording, teeth arrangements and processing was carried out. The laboratory phase was done during the late evening and early morning hours. Every member of the team worked tirelessly.

The distribution ceremony for the Free Denture Camp was organized on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018. The event was scheduled from 11:00a.m to 1:00p.m. The venue for the event was the auditorium (TV Studio ) of the dental institute. The event was conducted in a cheerful environment with enthusiastic patients eagerly waiting to receive their dentures and denture boxes and the auditorium fully occupied.

Dr Reshu Madan was the Master of Ceremony for the event. The inauguration of the denture distribution ceremony was done by lightening the lamp by the dignitaries.

The dignitaries were invited on the dais. A formal welcome with saplings was extended to all the dignitaries.

Dean Dr Anil Gupta addressed the gathering. He thanked the Indian Prosthodontic Society for

rendering support in terms of coordinating the event and conceptualizing this whole idea of

social service. He shared the details of contribution by the faculty members and the students.

The President elect, Indian Prosthodontic Society Haryana State Branch Dr. Manu Rathee

addressed the gathering. She shared the information about the activities being done by the IPS,

Haryana State Branch in various spheres for faculty, students and patients. The members and

students were encouraged to come forward to participate in the activities under the umbrella of

Indian Prosthodontic Society. She thanked the institute for local arrangements for the event. Dr

Anil Gupta, Dean, Dr M.S.Sidhu Dean Research and Development & Director PG Studies. All

the Heads of the Departments were also thanked for their contribution in the event. Patients were

also conveyed thanks by her for their participation and co-operation. Volunteers were conveyed

special thanks who worked wholeheartedly to make this camp a success.

Some of the patients also came forward to say a few words. They thanked the institute for the

initiative. Distribution of the dentures was done by all the dignitaries collectively. The fifty five

sets of dentures were delivered in the denture boxes and handed over to each patient individually.

At the culmination of the function, the dignitaries were felicitated in traditional manner with

book. Also mementos were handed over to the dignitaries. The delegates and the guests enjoyed

the high tea and the interaction.

Few glimpses of the event are being sent attached with this report.

Regards

Dr.Poonam Malik Sehrawat

Secretary, Indian Prosthodontic Society, Haryana State Branch.

A copy of the above is forwarded to the following for information:

- 1. Dr. Ravindra Savadi, President, Indian Prosthodontic Society.
- 2. Dr. S.K.Khindria, President Indian Prosthodontic Society, Haryana State Branch.

**Enclosure: Photographs** 

















