



Introduction to Oral Health

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LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- To know what is meant by Oral Health
- Status of oral health/oral health care services in India and
- To know about National Oral Health Programme(NOHP)



ORAL HEALTH

Oral Health is defined as a state of being free from-

- Mouth and facial pain
- Oral and throat cancer
- Oral infection and sores
- Periodontal(gum diseases)
- Tooth decay/tooth loss and
- Other diseases and disorders that limits an individual's capacity in biting, chewing, smiling, speaking and psychosocial wellbeing (WHO, 2012)





ORAL HEALTH

Oral health is an important part of general health. It affects-

- Individual
- Health system and
- Economy



In India there is limited access to oral health care services at the primary health care level. Even at CHC/DH oral health care services are largely unavailable due to lack of-

- Manpower
- Instruments/equipment and
- Dental material



ORAL HEALTH

- Indians have relatively high incidence/prevalence of dental caries and about 16% have gum problems
- There is also a difference in oral health status between urban and rural population, with enormous disparities in access to quality oral health care
- 9-32% of population aged more than 65 years is edentulous
- 12.6 per one lakh population have oral cancer
- Some chronic diseases like diabetes can further have negative impact on oral health and adds to the burden





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National Oral Health Programme (NOHP) was launched in the year 2014-15. It aims-

- To strengthen public health facilities for an accessible, affordable & quality oral health care delivery
- To provide support to states to set up Dental Care Units at District Hospitals or below
- To design IEC material
- To organize national, regional nodal officers training program and to review the status of the program





ORAL HEALTH



In India, Health and Wellness Centers (HWCs) provide an opportunity to provide basic oral health care

- Basic oral health care has been introduced as one of the elements of Comprehensive Primary Health Care
- It is delivered through HWCs to expand the availability of all the aspects of oral health including referral to appropriate health facilities
- Two programs that also need to be leveraged are-
 - Screening for oral cancer under **Universal Screening** and
 - RBSK



QUESTION/ANSWER:

Q. 1 – Oral Health is defined as a state of being free from – a) _____ b) _____ c) _____ d) _____ e) _____ and diseases that limit an individual’s capacity in 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ and 5. _____



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Biting 2. Chewing 3. Smiling 4. Speaking and 5.

Psychosocial wellbeing



Thank You

