Baby Oral Health Promotion Clinic

Extension clinic of Dept of Pediatric & Preventive Dentistry



Title of the Centre:

Baby Oral Health Promotion Clinic (BOHPC)

Team members:

Dr Indira MD, Pediatric Dentist (in charge of BOHPC)

Dr Nandlal B, Pediatric Dentist

Dr Narayanappa D, Pediatrician

Inception:

"Baby Oral Health Promotion Clinic" an extension clinic of Dept of Pedodontics and Preventive Dentistry at Dept of Pediatrics, JSS Hospital, is a first of its kind in India where a Pediatrician and Pediatric Dentist together are providing care under one roof to promote prevention of oral diseases in children. This special clinic was inaugurated on 10.11.2014 at Department of Pediatrics, JSS Hospital by Stefanie L Russel from New York University. Dr Guruswamy, Medical Superintendent, Dr Basavavagowdappa, Principal JSS Medical College, Dr Nandlal B, Principal JSS Dental College & Hospital, Dr Narayanappa, HOD and Prof, Department of Pediatrics, JSS Hospital, Dr Indira M D, Ph.D., Scholar, JSS Dental College & Hospital were present. Inauguration was followed by the lecture series on baby oral health care by Stefanie L Russel, Dr Narayanappa, Dr B Nandlal and Dr Indira M D. Baby Oral Health Education Pamphlets were released. The faculty, post graduates and interns of JSS Hospital and JSS Dental College & Hospital attended the programme.

This clinic which was functioning on Monday was extended to Thursday following the review meeting which was conducted on 22.2.2016 in the presence of **Dr Guruswamy**, Medical Superintendent, **Dr Narayanappa**, HOD and Prof, Department of Pediatrics, JSS Hospital, **Dr Anil Kumar Gujjari**, Principal JSS Dental College & Hospital, **Dr Srilatha**, HOD, Dept of Pedodontics; **Dr Nandlal**, Prof Dept of Pedodontics and Dr Indira MD.

In this clinic we provide preventive and interceptive oral health care for infants and young children; give age appropriate guidance for oro- facial injury prevention; Educate parents about implementation of oral hygiene measures right from infancy; Assess risk factors for early childhood caries and refer those children who are at

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high risk for developing early childhood caries to JSS Dental College and Hospital for further treatment.

Activities

Additionally a novel idea of "Training of Pediatric Nurses on Baby Oral Hygiene at OPD, NICU, PICU and in patient wards has been developed in association with ICD (International College Of Dentist) which is the world's oldest and largest honor society for dentist. The programme was launched by Dr Rajiv Chug, Honorary Secretary of ICD, on 8th July 2017 at "Baby Oral Health Promotion Clinic" An extension Special clinic of Dept of Pedodontics at Dept of Pediatrics, JSS Hospital.

Dr Nandlal B, South Zonal Deputy Regent of International College of Dentists, **Dr. Ravi MD** Director JSS Hospital, **Dr. Jagadish Kumar K** HOD, Dept of Pediatrics JSS Hospital **Dr. Anil Kumar Gujjari** Principal JSS Dental College & Hospital, **Dr Narayanappa** Prof, Department of Pediatrics, JSS Hospital, **Dr Indira MD**, Fellow of ICD, JSS Dental College & Hospital were present on the occasion. Poster on Caries Risk Assessment & Anticipatory Guidance was released on this occasion. Around 80 nurses attended the programme. Dr Indira MD and Dr Nandlal B briefed the pediatric nurse on baby oral hygiene methods. Demonstration on brushing and mouth rinsing was given to all the pediatric nurses. Pediatric brushes and tooth paste was distributed to 30 children visiting the Pediatric OPD sponsored by Colgate. A handson training was given to pediatric nurses on how to dispense and use the mouth rinse in the pediatric ward of the JSS Hospital sponsored by Himalaya.

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