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Activity Report: Head and Neck Cancer Awareness Program

Date: 30th July 2024

Venue: Lecture Hall-2, MNR Dental College and Hospital

Occasion: Head and Neck Cancer Awareness Program (celebrated worldwide on 27th July)

Collaboration: Omega Hospital, Gachibowli Branch

Event Overview

The Head and Neck Cancer Awareness Program aimed to educate and inform attendees about the various aspects of head and neck cancers, including their diagnosis, treatment, and management. The event featured esteemed guest speakers from Omega Hospital, who provided valuable insights into radiation therapy and surgical aspects of head and neck malignancies.

Guest Speakers

1. Dr. B Sirisha

- **Qualifications:** MBBS, DNB (Radiation Oncology)
- **Topic:** "Navigating Radiotherapy for Oral Malignancies: Key Insights"
- **Summary:** Dr. Sirisha discussed the latest advancements and challenges in radiotherapy for oral malignancies. She focused on the implications of radiation therapy for oral malignancies, particularly those involving the tongue, buccal mucosa, salivary glands and other areas of the mouth. She emphasized the importance of individualized treatment plans and the role of modern technologies in improving patient outcomes. Dr. Sirisha provided an in-depth analysis of treatment protocols, patient care, and also highlighted the side effects of radiotherapy and strategies to manage them effectively.

2. Dr. Manoranjan Nayak

- **Qualifications:** MS (General Surgery), MKCG MCH, Fellowship in Surgical Oncology and senior consultant oncology surgeon at Omega hospital.
- **Topic:** "Head and Neck Malignancies and Their Surgical Aspects"
- **Summary:** Dr. Nayak discussed the surgical management of potential malignancies, including conditions such as leukoplakia, Erythro-leukoplakia, Erosive lichen planus and Oral submucous fibrosis. He highlighted the importance of early detection and the surgical interventions required for treating various oral malignancies.

Event Proceedings

- **Host:** Dr. Aashritha (2nd-year Postgraduate student, Department of Oral Medicine and Radiology)
- **Opening Remarks:** Dr. Aashritha welcomed the attendees and introduced Dr. Ravindra SV, Principal of MNR Dental College. Dr. Ravindra provided an introduction to the significance of Head and Neck Cancer Awareness, emphasizing the need for early detection and prevention.
- **Guest Speaker Sessions:** The guest speakers delivered their presentations, sharing their expertise and experiences in managing head and neck cancers.
- **Participants:** The event was attended by faculty members, postgraduate students, and undergraduates from the dental and medical faculties. The audience actively engaged with the speakers, asking questions and participating in discussions.
- **Acknowledgements & Felicitation Ceremony:** Vote of thanks to the guest speakers Dr. B Sirisha and Dr. Nayak from Omega Hospital and the event organizers (dept of OMR) was given by Dr. Ravindra. He extended the gratitude for their valuable contributions to the event. Special thanks were giving to the faculty and staff of MNR Dental College and Hospital for their support in making the event a success. The guest speakers were felicitated by Dr. Ravindra SV and the Heads of other departments as a token of appreciation for their contributions.
- **Prize Distribution:** Prizes for the face painting competition held on 23rd July 2024 in the Oral Pathology Department were distributed by the guest speakers.

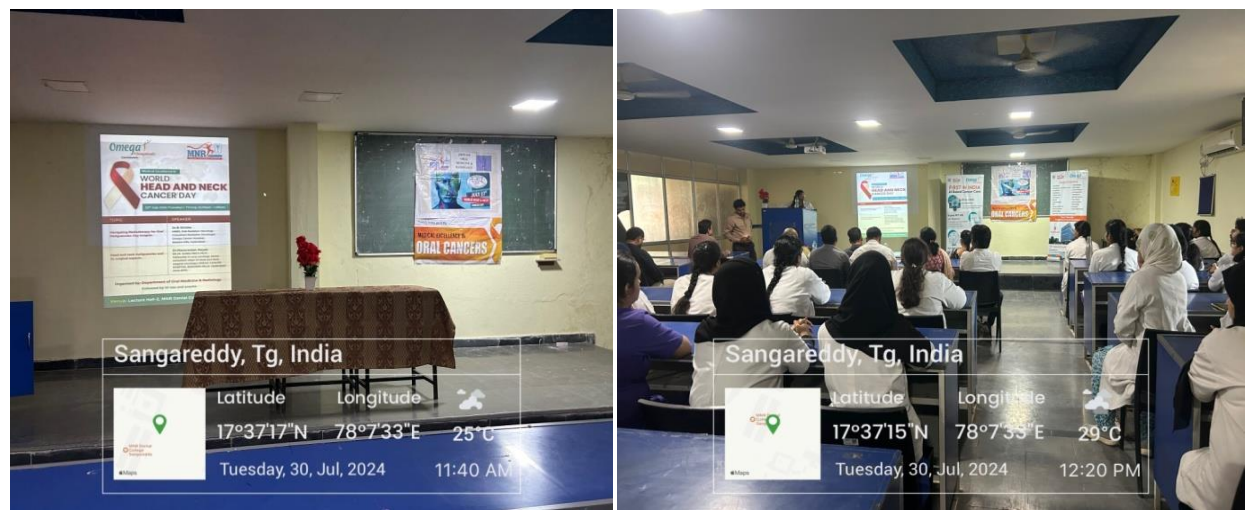
- **Closing and Refreshments:** The event concluded with a photo session, where the speakers, staff, postgraduate students (including those from homeopathy, general surgery, and dental disciplines), and interns gathered for photographs. Refreshments were served to all attendees.

Conclusion

The Head and Neck Cancer Awareness Program was a grand success. The program successfully increased awareness about head and neck cancers among the attendees. It provided a platform for sharing knowledge and best practices in the diagnosis and treatment of these cancers. The event provided a comprehensive understanding of the importance of early detection and treatment of head and neck cancers, thereby contributing to the overall awareness and knowledge of the attendees. The collaboration with Omega Hospital was particularly beneficial, as it brought expert perspectives to the MNR Dental College community.

Future Directions: The event underscored the need for ongoing education and awareness programs related to head and neck cancers. MNR Dental College and Hospital plans to organize more such events in the future, including workshops and seminars, to continue educating the community on this important topic.

Evidence:





Program coordinator
