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Title: Burden of Oral Diseases in India

Abstract:

No one can truly be healthy if she/he is free from the burden of oral health problems. As doctors of nation, we need to know the importance of good health then equally we need to know burden of oral diseases- how it may affect our overall health and trends of these problems. Indians are largely affected by dental problems- dental caries, periodontal disease, oral cancer and many others. Some dental problems arise with the high number and amount of elements found in drinking water. Our day-to-day daily activities are impacted with these oral diseases.

Oral diseases and conditions such as dental caries, periodontal diseases, dental fluorosis, loss of teeth, dental trauma and oral cancers have the dubious distinction of affecting more than half of the population globally including India. In 2007, the WHO World Health Assembly recognized the growing burden of oral diseases worldwide and emphasized the need to scale up action based on comprehensive data collection systems.

It has been observed that with the increase in population, oral diseases have affected majority of the Indian population irrespective of age and gender. Manpower remains the whole and central problem despite the fact that resources have increased but still unable to meet with the needs of population due to financial instability, unawareness and increased population as compared with number of dentists. Overall, majority of population lie in the category of unmet and felt needs. So as a team and unit of dentists, our role should be to enrich awareness to the population closed in the remote areas, provide them appropriate treatment, converting the former needs into expressed needs and increase the oral health related quality of life. The dental professionals should fulfil its ethical mandate and provide health decision makers with relevant information on disease levels. Therefore, this presentation will throw light on the current burden of oral diseases in India and its impact on the oral health related quality of life and economy of the nation.

Biography

Lavanya Rohatgi done BDS & MDS in public health dentistry department from Chaudhary Charan Singh University U.P. She have been a part of around 1000 general and dental health camps and published 10 articles. She is a Senior lecturer in department of Public health dentistry in Shree Bankey Bihari Dental College Ghaziabad U.P.