

ANTI- TOBACCO AWARENESS PROGRAM

The Department of Periodontics, Tagore Dental College & Hospital organized the “World No Tobacco Day Celebration” on May 29th 2016. This programme was conducted with an intention to create awareness among the public and young students about the harm effects of tobacco consumption in any form and the possible risk of development of cancer due to tobacco use.

This programme involved a direct interaction with patients and staff and Interns of the department of Periodontics, Tagore Dental College. There was a free screening camp for the identification and diagnosis of oral cancerous lesions and free anti-tobacco counseling was done for the patients. Free oral prophylaxis was done for the smokers who were willing to quit the habit of smoking.

Several charts portraying the hazards of tobacco were displayed for the public as a part of patient education. This included the charts displaying the various risk factors for periodontal disease, various early features of periodontal disease and treatment for the same. The patients reported to our out-patient department were also demonstrated the oral hygiene procedures to be followed using models. There was an overwhelming response for the free counseling. Free oral prophylaxis was done for around 120 patients and they had given their word that they would try to quit smoking.