

- COMMUNITY DENTISTRY

The Department of Preventive and Community Dentistry is dedicated to training undergraduate students in public health dentistry to work within interdisciplinary teams to conduct investigations on the risk factors for oral disease, their relation to systemic disease, and on the use of oral epidemiological methods to study health outcomes of dental services and oral health policy.

To encourage the development and maintenance of community dentistry programs,

To increase the use of preventive dentistry programs in community dentistry programs,

To improve access to dental care for underserved populations, and the quality of care for all populations,

To stimulate research in Dental Public Health with emphasis on disease surveillance, health services research, program evaluation, and causes of diseases.

- Make use of the basic sciences knowledge and apply it in the etiology, diagnosis and management of the prevention, promotion and treatment of all the oral conditions at the individual and community level.
- Plan and perform all necessary treatment, prevention and promotion of oral health at the individual level.
- Plan appropriate Community Oral Health program, conduct the program and evaluate, at the community level.
- Ability to make use of knowledge of Epidemiology to identify causes and plan appropriate preventive and control measures.
- Conduct survey and appropriate methods to impart Oral Health Education.
- Develop the planning, implementation, evaluation and administrative skills to carry out successful Community Oral Health programs.
- Adopt ethical principles in all aspects of Community Oral Health activities.
- Develop communication skills, in particular skill to explain the causes and prevention of oral diseases to the patient and community.