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Report on students undertaking field visits/ research projects/ industry Internship/ visits/ community postings as part of curriculum enrichment

Field visits: The Department of Pedodontics and Preventive Dentistry composes School dental wellbeing programs on regular premise with an adage "Each Child has a Fundamental Right to Smile" the explanation for these School-based oral wellbeing programs is to allow kids to encounter ideal oral wellbeing, however creating important projects that address the necessities of the present youngsters is an intricate assignment. School-based oral health programs that are designed to help children must be relevant and offer interventions based on current research findings. Schools provide an opportunity for learning new things that make them suitable for the presentation of oral health information. With this initiative, the department of Pedodontics and Preventive Dentistry in association with Deputy Director of Public Instruction(DDPI) and the Block education officers who are in charge of all primary and high schools in the district formulates a plan and schedules a visit each government and private schools in Tumakuru .

A Group of experienced specialists, alongside post graduate inhabitants and interns who are posted in department visit the schools as scheduled and screen the children of the school for oral ailments and furthermore give a screening card to every one of them, later a health talk is given to motivate and prevent oral diseases in children. Typically the department screens around 300-500 kids every visit.

Research project: a research project in Department of Pedodontics and Preventive Dentistry emphasises a project which is a scientific investigation, usually using logical strategies, the undergraduate students are usually given research projects such as making educative charts and models, where in the teacher assigned gives pre-set topic to a group of students, where in the students read about the allocated topic formulate a design for posters and models and discuss with respective staff to finalise on the project. The approved project is printed on large boards laminated and submitted to the department. The students posted in the clinical are also allowed to visit the school dental health program in order to gain knowledge to work in the fields and get good experience.

The interns posted in the department are given a project to fabricate appliances on dummies such as to fabricate myofunctional appliances, for which the students are required to read and discuss about the appliance to be fabricated with the in charge staff and fabricate the same. The students perform root canal treatment so as to develop a superior finger dexterity as their project.

Every post graduate students undertake thesis project during first year of the course, and short study in the subsequent year. The post graduates also prepare case reports of the special case treated in the department and prepare systemic reviews of the topic interest as their research project.

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