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Changing perception of oral health

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Commentary:

In India majority of people believe that oral health is less important and separate from general health. This perception needs to be changed at local, state, and national levels and for all population groups. It is our moral responsibility to implement oral health programs equally in all urban and rural populations. All stakeholders, policymakers, health care providers as well the public should come together to implement and bring about change in the perception of oral health. This poster depicts the measures and how the combined effort of public, policymakers, and health care providers can bring a change in their oral health perception. Addressing and overcoming multiple barriers to oral health care, which can embody issues or disparities in: education, economics, the surroundings, cultural and social problems, and also the health care system itself¹. To change the perception of oral health firstly we must educate the public, stakeholders or policymakers who can influence and implement training programs, conduct surveys, population-based research, and develop a stronger health care infrastructure. Policymakers should implement oral health policies. Special care and education should be given to pregnant ladies, lactating mothers, and elderly people. Oral health has limited integration into medical education hence it becomes mandatory to change the perception of health providers and promote as well implement interdisciplinary training. A combined cumulative effort by the public, policymakers and health care providers can give a new vision to oral health².

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