



World Head & Neck Cancer Day 2025

Celebrating Commitment to Cancer Prevention and Early Detection

Short CME for Medical Officers from State Health Services, Maharashtra

-: Organized by :-

Centre for Cancer Epidemiology (CCE)

Advanced Centre for Treatment, Research and Education in Cancer (ACTREC)

Tata Memorial Centre (TMC)

in Collaboration with Public Health Department, Arogya Bhavan, Maharashtra.



-: Date & Time :-

Wednesday, 23rd July 2025, 11:00 am – 04:00 pm

-: Venue :-

PS Mini Auditorium, 3rd Floor, ACTREC, Kharghar, Navi Mumbai – 410 210.

-: Registration Link:-

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To commemorate World Head and Neck Cancer Day (27th July 2025), the **Centre for Cancer Epidemiology, ACTREC, Tata Memorial Centre**, in collaboration with the **Public Health Department, Aarogya Bhavan, Maharashtra**, is organizing a one-day **Short CME for Medical Officers** from State Health Services, Maharashtra on **23rd July 2025** at **ACTREC, Tata Memorial Centre, Kharghar, Navi Mumbai**.

Program Highlights:

- Emphasis on the **critical role of awareness, screening and early detection** in oral and head-neck cancers
- Focus on **equipping Medical Officers** with practical knowledge and tools

Sessions on:

- Identifying early signs of oral, head and neck cancers
- Evidence based prevention strategies
- Providing timely referrals
- Importance of effective counselling

Release of a new field-based Oral screening booklet titled:

“Oral Cancer Shield: Community based Demonstration Project – Awareness and Screening Saves Lives”

This booklet captures key **insights, observations and practical learnings** from a recently completed **oral cancer screening initiative in Maharashtra**. The booklet will guide healthcare providers and program implementers in implementation of oral cancer screening component of NP-NCD at community level.

Release of Oral Cavity Cancers Posters and Calendar Charts

The CME will include focused sessions on the burden of oral and head-neck cancers, evidence-based prevention strategies, and simple, effective screening techniques. Experts will also **teach practical aspects of oral visual inspection (OVI)**, an essential skill for early detection in resource-constrained settings.

By engaging directly with Medical Officers, the program seeks to bridge the gap between evidence and implementation in awareness and screening of oral cavity cancers. It also offers an opportunity for collaboration, bringing together cancer control experts, public health authorities, and service providers working across Maharashtra. These efforts will take us one step closer to a stronger, more integrated response to cancer prevention and control at the community level.

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Key features of the program will be

- Release of booklet titled: **“Oral Cancer Shield: Community based Demonstration Project – Awareness and Screening Saves Lives”**
- Release of Posters and Calendar Charts for Oral Cancer Awareness
- Sharing of Highlights and learnings from Demonstration Project

Program is for

1. Medical Officers working in Public Health Department
2. Practitioners from Urban and Rural Health Posts
3. Healthcare providers involved in NCD and cancer screening program
4. Staff interested in enhancing skills

Sessions on

- Current burden and trends of Oral and Head Neck cancers
- Risk factors and Strategies for primary and secondary prevention
- Role of Medical Officers in early detection and community engagement
- Step-by-step approach to Oral Visual Inspection (OVI)

-: Organising Committee :-

Dr. Gauravi Mishra
Dr. Arjun Singh
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Time	Event / Topic	Speaker
11:00 am - 11:10 am	Welcome Address	Dr. Gauravi Mishra Deputy Director, CCE
11:10 am - 11:15 am	Lamp Lighting Ceremony	All Dignitaries on Dias
11:15 am - 11:25 am	Multidisciplinary Approaches to Oral Cancer Control: Assessing Global Burden, Exploring Lifestyle and Genetic Risk Factors	Dr. Rajesh Dikshit Director, CCE
11:25 am - 11:40 am	Keynote Address	Dr. Pankaj Chaturvedi Director, ACTREC
11:40 am - 11:55 am	Address by Chief Guest – Update on Maharashtra States activities with respect to Control of Oral Cavity Cancer	Dr. Nitin Ambadekar Director, Health Services, Mumbai
11:55 am -12:05 pm	Insights from the Oral Cancer Screening Demonstration Project	Dr. Gauravi Mishra Deputy Director, CCE
12:05 pm - 12:15 pm	Launch of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Booklet: “Oral Cancer Shield: Community Based Demonstration Project – Awareness and Screening Saves Lives” ➤ Oral Cancer Awareness Posters ➤ Health Education Calendar Charts 	By Dignitaries from TMC, National Oral Health Programme and Public Health Department
Short CME on Prevention and Early Detection of Oral Cavity Cancers		
12:15 pm - 12:30 pm	Burden of Head-Neck Cancers in India & Maharashtra	Dr. Atul Budukh Professor Epidemiology & Officer In-charge Division of Medical Records and Cancer Registries, CCE
12:30 pm - 12:50 pm	Prevention & Screening Strategies for Oral Cavity Cancers – Translating Policy into Practice	Dr. Sharmila Pimple Professor and Head Department of Preventive Oncology Tata Memorial Hospital

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12:50 pm - 01:30 pm	Lunch Break	
01:30 pm - 01:50 pm	Role of Physiotherapy in Management of Oral Premalignant Lesions	Dr. Mohua Chatterjee Officer In-charge Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation Services ACTREC
01:50 pm - 02:10 pm	Surgical Management of Oral Cavity Cancers	Dr. Arjun Singh Associate Professor Department of Head and Neck Oncology, ACTREC
02:10 pm - 02:30 pm	Strengthening Implementation of Oral Cavity Screening – Opportunities, Challenges, Barriers – Ways to overcome the same	Dr. Umesh Shirodkar Joint Director, Non-Communicable Disease Cell, Maharashtra
02:30 pm - 02:50 pm	Tobacco Cessation Counselling	Dr. Kshama Vairagi Clinical Psychologist Department of Preventive Oncology
02:50 pm - 03:30 pm	Video Demonstration on Oral Cancer Screening, Presentation of Case Scenarios and Explanation of Table Demonstration on Oral Visual Inspection	Dr. Vasundhara Kulkarni Scientific Officer Dr. Harimadhav Vishwanathan Research Fellow Dr. Ashwin Sathyan Senior Resident
03:30 pm - 03:45 pm	Question and Answer Session with Discussion	Dr. Gauravi Mishra Deputy Director Dr. Arjun Singh Associate Professor
03:45 pm - 04:00 pm	Vote of Thanks and Distribution of Resource Material	Dr. Vasundhara Kulkarni Scientific Officer
04:00 pm	High Tea	