

## Memorandum of Understanding

### **Special Olympics Bharat with International Association for Disability & Oral Health (India Chapter) & Divya Jyoti College of Dental Sciences & Research**

Shared Commitment to Improve the Oral Health of individuals with Intellectual and other Disabilities

#### Declaration of Principles

*Dated: July 25, 2014*

#### Parties Collaborating:

**A. Special Olympics:** Special Olympics provides year round training and organizes athletic competitions in a variety of Olympic- type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunity to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in sharing of gifts, skills, friendship with their families and Special Olympics athletes and the community. The emphasis on sports training and competition improves the lives of people with intellectual disabilities and also provides a platform to bring others into contact with them, enlightening the larger community and changing the lives of everyone who gets involved. Special Olympics has demonstrated the transformational capabilities for individuals, communities and nations for close to half a century world wide

**B. International Association for Disability and Oral Health -iADH (India Chapter):** iADH (India Chapter) is a member country society of the international organization with the same name comprising of 32 other member countries. They are a group of people who are concerned about the well being of people with disabilities and disadvantages, working together within their communities and professional societies. The India chapter aims to improve the oral health and quality of life for people with special needs. The India chapter of iADH is spearheaded by Prof Dr Mahesh Verma as its President. iADH India Chapter is committed to developing evidenced based education in Special Care Dentistry (SCD) and encourages team working and positive attitude towards disability within the whole dental team with an objective of betterment of quality of life of people with disabilities and their care givers.

**C. Divya Jyoti College of Dental Sciences & Research:-** A benchmarked quality educational institution providing training in the field of Dentistry with an entry of 100 students for BDS and specialization in all 9 specialities of Dentistry with almost 50 post graduates qualifying every year. It has created a niche for itself and been awarded the Best Private Dental College in Uttar Pradesh for Clinical Excellence and Research. The institution has a strong community outreach with satellite dental centres in rural setup and catering to the needs of urban, semi urban and rural population. Treatment and management of all oral disorders is conducted in the

dental hospital. The students are trained early in research, communication and are sensitized to the needs of special children. Additionally a general hospital with 300 beds is owned by the college catering to general medical health related needs.

## **Commitment to Action**

### **1. Support quality oral health care**

- i. We recognize that the sector of society represented by people with intellectual disabilities and special needs are yet to benefit from quality oral health care services. The lack of oral health care adversely affects the general health status. The children/athletes with intellectual disabilities, their family and care givers receive quality oral health care. IADH(India Chapter) and Divya Jyoti College of Dental Sciences & Research have pledged to collaborate with Special Olympics ,Bharat and give momentum to the Special Smiles Program by providing quality oral health care treatment and management solutions.
- ii. Divya Jyoti College of Dental Sciences & Research will set up a Centre of Excellence for Special Care Dentistry to cater to the needs of differently abled people. Special Olympics will identify the schools/athletes and individuals and Divya Jyoti College of Dental Sciences & Research will provide oral health care support free of charge /non profit basis.
- iii. The clinical specialists and volunteers will be provided by the College while Special Olympics will provide transport facilities for the individuals to and fro the Special Care Dentistry Centre of Excellence.

### **2. Create a sustainable model to provide quality oral health care in association with Special Olympics**

iADH(India Chapter) and Divya Jyoti College of Dental Sciences & Research support the right to quality oral health care of individuals with intellectual and other disabilities.

iADH(India Chapter) and Divya Jyoti College of Dental Sciences & Research will create a sustainable model of providing treatment of oral and related health. Special Olympics will provide;

- i. Divya Jyoti College of Dental Sciences & Research will provide a permanent area for the Centre of Excellence for Special Care Dentistry, the Special Dental Chair and Unit along with other non consumables and consumables for conducting the different treatment protocols.
- ii. The trained clinical and nonclinical manpower will be provided by Divya Jyoti College of Dental Sciences & Research.

### **3. Collaborate to Create Enhanced Health Care**

- i. It is well known that poor oral health impacts general health. This Centre of Excellence will involve medical health professionals from our sister concern, Divya Jyoti Medical College and Hospital, for the health care services of these differently abled individuals and their families and care givers.
- ii. Divya Jyoti College of Dental Sciences & Research and Divya Jyoti Medical College and Hospital are willing to engage in follow up care of the individuals on bi annual checkups in addition to SOS requirements.

### **4. Advocacy by Special Olympics and iADH(India Chapter) and Divya Jyoti College of Dental Sciences & Research**

- i. Jointly act as a forum for exchange and dissemination of knowledge and information in the area of oral health care needs of people with disabling conditions; represent this area of activity at National & International forums by publishing and presenting papers, conducting research, advocacy through print and electronic media to create awareness and sensitize general public and healthcare professionals about the needs of differently abled individuals.
- ii. To conduct training programs for dental surgeons /oral health care providers to enhance skill sets on Conscious Sedation and other related modalities for management and treatment of differently abled individuals .
- iii. Official mention about the collaboration of Special Olympics with iADH(India Chapter) and Divya Jyoti College of Dental Sciences & Research in the Special Olympics International website [www.specialolympics.org](http://www.specialolympics.org)
- iv. Formal Communication of this collaboration to Special Olympics International & Special Olympics Bharat Board of Directors.
- v. Display of iADH (India Chapter) logo at all Special Smiles Bharat Screening Camp
- vi. Official mention of the Memorandum of Understanding of Special Olympics with iADH(India Chapter) and Divya Jyoti College of Dental Sciences & Research in the Annual Report of Special Olympics, Bharat every year to indicate that the MOU is active.



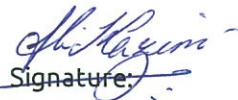
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