

Memorandum of Understanding

Shared Commitment to Create Advocacy to Improve the Oral Health of individuals with Intellectual Disabilities and provide opportunities for oral health care

Indian Dental Association & Special Olympics Bharat with International Association for Disability & Oral Health (iADH, India Chapter) forge a bond for jointly committing towards advocacy and awareness to improve the oral health of people with Intellectual and Developmental Disability by collaboration through this MOU

Parties Collaborating –

A. Indian Dental Association (IDA): Indian Dental Association (IDA) is an independent and recognized voice of dental professionals in India. IDA acknowledges that oral health is an integral part of general health and well-being and aims to lead the Nation to optimal oral health with a vision to improve oral health and quality of life and achieve 'Optimal National Oral Health for All' by 2020. IDA mission is to improve the oral health of the public by innovation in education, training, research, advocacy and related programmes which translates into a commitment for dental excellence by enhancing, updating skills and knowledge of the dental professionals of the nation.

B. Special Olympics Bharat :- 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.

- C. 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. iADH India Chapter is committed to developing evidence based education in Special Care Dentistry (SCD) and encourages team work 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.

Commitment to Action:

The parties 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 their general health status.

Together with Special Olympics Bharat and iADH, India Chapter, Indian Dental association commits to -

1. Support the cause for Right to Quality Oral Health Care for all people with ID/DD
2. Advocacy amongst general public, society at large and dental professionals about equal rights of people with ID/DD to love, care, health, justice and respect as any other person in society.
3. Create Awareness amongst Dental Professionals of Right to Quality Oral Health Care of people with ID/DD
4. Advocacy to bring about change in behaviour and attitudes of dental professionals for inclusion of people with ID/DD and create an inclusive society
5. Empower the dental professionals to recognize and manage the challenges faced by the people with ID/DD in obtaining oral health care
6. Empower the dental professionals to develop skills and knowledge to provide quality oral health care to this sector of society
7. Support and Disseminate Scientific knowledge , Research & innovation for promoting well being for people with ID/DD

Indian Dental Association will provide the following-

- A. One page dedicated in all IDA Head Office publications for Special Olympics, Bharat to showcase the achievements of the athletes and depictions of inclusion to create awareness amongst general public and dental professionals about people with ID/DD
- B. Accept and Publish Scientific and general articles about the oral health care of people with intellectual disability in the IDA publications to disseminate knowledge in special care dentistry
- C. Dedicate one section to Oral presentations & Poster presentations by dental students and members of IDA to Special Care Dentistry in all National Conference of Indian Dental association
- D. Conduct and participate in oral health check up camps of schools/society of people with ID/DD
- E. Provide Industry support to Special Olympics with Oral Health hygiene products for the athletes.
- F. Recognize and promote the medal winning athletes of Special Olympics , Bharat in the World Summer Games & World Winter Games .

Brief Summary:

Indian Dental association through this MOU with Special Olympics Bharat and iADH, India Chapter will:

- i. Act as a forum for exchange and dissemination of knowledge and information in the area of oral health care needs of people with intellectual disability; 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 oral healthcare professionals about the oral health care needs of people with intellectual disability;
- ii. To conduct training programs for dental surgeons /oral health care providers to enhance skill for management and treatment of differently *abled individuals*;
- iii. Official mention about the collaboration of IDA , SO Bharat and iADH, India Chapter in the official websites & reports of the collaborating parties;
- iv. Formal Communication of this collaboration to Special Olympics International, FDI and iADH International office.

THIS COLLABORATION WILL BE IN PLACE THROUGH THIS MOU FROM 01 May 2016 for a period of 5 years

SIGNATURES

General Secretary, IDA -----

CEO, Special Olympics Bharat -----

Secretary, iADH India Chapter -----