

## Webinar in Commemoration of the

# WORLD *Oral* HEALTH DAY 2025

### Preventing oral cancer: Role of oral health workforce in risk reduction and early detection

#### Organised by

The Department of Healthier Population and NCDs  
WHO South East Asia Regional office

#### Date and time

**2 APRIL 2025** | **11:00-12:30 HRS**  
(INDIAN STANDARD TIME)

The burden of oral cancer attributable to smokeless tobacco and areca nut consumption is highest in the WHO South-East Asia region. Evidence shows that oral health workforce are well placed to contribute to reduce the risk of oral cancer, focusing on tobacco, areca nut, and alcohol cessation advice, and early detection through screening.

#### Expected output:

- ▶ Deeper understanding of the burden of oral cancer and best practices for its prevention and control
- ▶ Actionable strategies for national oral health programmes and other stakeholders to integrate oral cancer risk reduction and early detection into the existing programmes

#### Who should attend:

- ▶ National oral health programme managers and the teams
- ▶ National NCD and cancer programme managers and teams
- ▶ Professional organizations of oral health workforce
- ▶ Practicing oral health professionals
- ▶ Any interested personnel

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# PROGRAMME

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TIME	TOPIC AND SPEAKER
11:00-11:05	Welcome and introduction
11:05-11:10	Opening remarks
11:10-11:20	<b>Burden of oral cancer attributable to smokeless tobacco and areca nut consumption in the WHO South-East Asia region</b> WHO Collaborating Centre on oral cancer, King's College, UK
11:20-11:40	<b>Role of oral health workforce: Evidence based interventions for reducing the risk of oral cancer</b> WHO Collaborating Centre for oral health promotion, Centre for Dental Education and Research, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi
11:40-12:00	<b>Role of oral health workforce: Evidence based interventions for early detection</b> WHO Collaborating Centre for Oral Health Education and Research, Faculty of Dentistry, Mahidol University, Thailand
12:00-12:20	<b>Good practices from Member States</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ National oral health programme in India: An integrated approach for risk reduction and early detection of oral cancer</li><li>▶ Implementing oral cancer screening in Thailand</li><li>▶ Multi-strategy model of Sri Lanka to identify high risk individuals for early detection of oral cancer or precancerous lesions</li><li>▶ Tobacco cessation interventions in Maldives</li></ul>
12:20-12:30	<b>Discussion on enhancing the role of oral health professionals in oral cancer prevention</b>
12:30-12:35	Next steps and closing remarks



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