

**ESIC Dental College & Hospital, Kalaburagi**  
**Report on “World AIDS Day”**  
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On the occasion of **World AIDS Day**, **Dept. of Public Health Dentistry** at **ESIC Dental College & Hospital, Kalaburagi** organized a seminar on November 30, 2024, focusing on "**Management of AIDS Patients in Dental Practice**". The event aimed to educate dental students about the unique challenges and best practices involved in treating HIV/AIDS patients, emphasizing the importance of compassionate and professional care.

**Dr. Gnanasagar T J, Associate Professor, Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery**, had attended as the keynote speaker. He delivered a detailed and insightful presentation that addressed various aspects of managing HIV/AIDS patients in dental practice. He began by explaining the fundamentals of HIV infection, its progression to AIDS, and the oral manifestations commonly associated with the condition. Infection control protocols were a significant focus of the seminar. He stressed the importance of strict adherence to universal precautions, the use of personal protective equipment, and effective sterilization methods to ensure the safety of both patients and practitioners.

Another key component of the seminar was the emphasis on empathy and communication. Dr. Gnanasagar highlighted the need to build trust with patients, encourage open communication about their HIV status, and address their psychological needs. He also underscored the importance of collaboration with physicians and specialists to provide comprehensive care for HIV/AIDS patients.

The seminar concluded with an address by **Dr. Prashant B Patil, Dean** of ESIC Dental College. He emphasized the significance of World AIDS Day and encouraged students to adhere to standard infection control protocols while treating every patient and embrace an ethical approach while treating AIDS patients. He praised the efforts of Dr. Gnanasagar and the organizing team for the informative session. The event was highly successful, with enthusiastic participation from the students.

The photographs of the event are attached in next page:



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