

Malabar Cancer Centre, Thalassery

Department of Community Oncology

Activities for the month of October 2011

There were three early cancer detection camps, two anti tobacco campaigns , one project discussion, one project inauguration and the 1st meeting of the anti tobacco cell were the main activities in the department for the month October.

Early cancer detection camps-

1. 1st ECDC camp was held at Kadirur on October 9th. The camp was inaugurated by Dr B Satheesan. About 75 persons attended the camp.



2. The second early cancer detection camp was held at vimalassery, Thaliparamba on October 15th.the camp was organized by Navodaya vayanasala. 13 pap smears were taken at the camp.
3. The 3rd ECDC camp was held at District hospital kasaragod on 27th October .75 pap smears were taken at the camp.

Anti tobacco campaign

1. Anti tobacco campaign at Rani Public School on oct 24th for plus 1 and plus 2 students. Classes were taken by Dr Neethu and Dr Phinse M Philip. Around 600 students attended the program.



2. Anti tobacco campaign for health club members of AKG Memorial school on 25th October as part of a campaign 'NAMUKKU NANMAKAL KATHUSOOKSHIKAM'. The campaign is an initiative to free the pinarayi Grama panchayath from tobacco and other addictive products. Classes were taken by Dr Neethu and Dr Phinse M Philip. Class was inaugurated by Konki Raveendran, president Pinarayi panchayath.



Projects

1. Wayanad project: the preliminary discussion regarding the feasibility of the project was held at 11th October. Discussion was done with the members of the lions club. We are awaiting for further response.

2. Peralassery project: the project on comprehensive early cancer detection was inaugurated by Mrs. Saveetha, panchayath president. Project dates were discussed and the tentative dates for the project are as follows. November 10th –volunteer training. December 5, 6, 8, 9 - camps.



Anti Tobacco cell-

The first meeting of the anti tobacco cell was held on 31st October. Eminent people from different walks of life attended the meet. Discussions were held regarding the formation and initial activities of the tobacco cell. Tobacco cell was formed with Dr. B Satheesan, Director, MCC as chairman. Extending the anti tobacco campaign to whole of Thalassery and Mahe, creation of a documentary on tobacco, a bimonthly news letter, training of NSS and NCC volunteers were the main decisions of the meeting. It was decided to submit a huge memorandum of school children against tobacco use and sale to the collector and the formal inauguration of the cell.