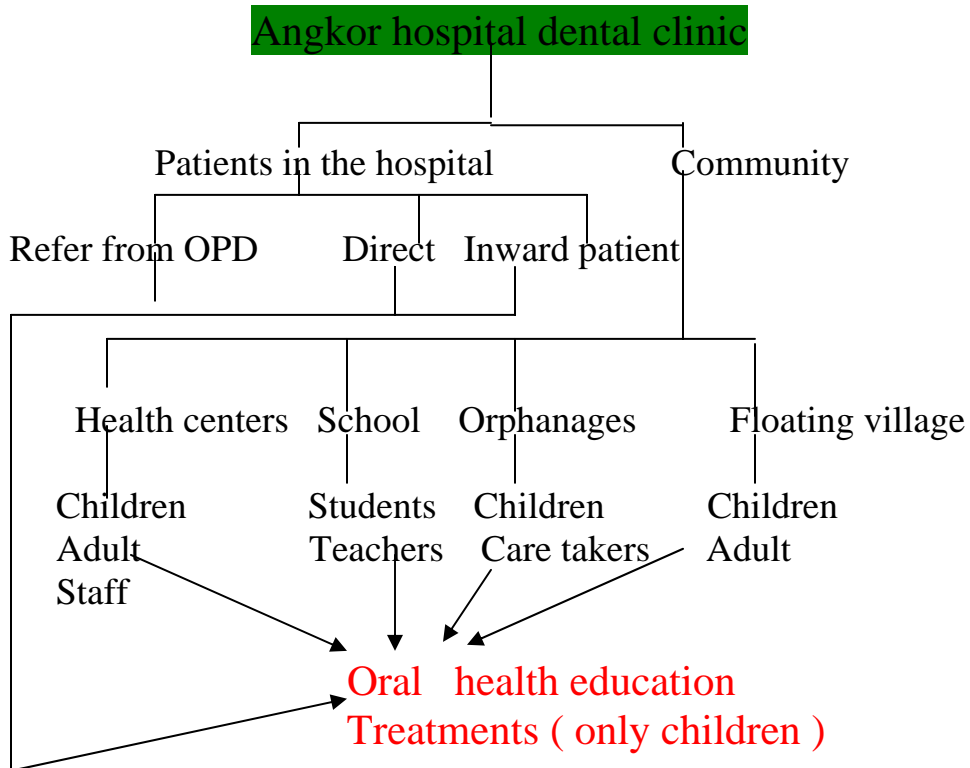


Oral Health activities in Angkor hospital for children



At the school , dental nurse Leang

Most of the children even in the city never have a habit to brush their teeth, this condition is worst when we go to remote villages . most of the Parents never know how important to brush teeth every day so they do not show a habit for their children to brush teeth. The only the chance they get to hear about oral health that the time when we meet them at the school or health centers .

Lots of children has so many carries , when the parents find their children cry with tooth pain they try to meet health workers in the community or at the hospital. But this time there is no way can save their teeth.

Every week we visit to primary school with tooth brushes . After the oral health education each student receive a tooth brush. They practice how to brush teeth with their teachers every day when they come to school. Sandhan and Krobirial schools has a fluoride rinsing program that we started few years ago . Feed back from teachers and the students is very interesting . they said that before it was a big problem many students complain tooth pain , they absent for the classes, but now complains are very less, it is much easier for teachers to carry on their curriculum. Since we started mobile dental clinic we could cover more than 20 schools around the Siem Reap, most of them are in very rural areas. Specially we found very interesting thing is most of the children's teeth in the rural villages less cavities than in the city children's. It shows us it is very less access in the villages to get so much sugar things with their foods rather than in the city children's. The other reason is village people are very poor.

Angkor hospital for children has a capacity building program that we connect to the health promotion in the community . With this program we move our mobile dental clinic to the health centers those are very far away from the hospital. It takes almost one hour to reach those health centers . Roads are to those health centers so worst when rainy season, some time we have to push our car when it stuck on the mud. When the time we started to visit health centers all the staff learn about oral hygiene and when patients come to health center they teach them about how to take care for their teeth. We have ten visits per months for the health centers, each time we spend at least 45 minutes for oral health education end of that provide treatment for the children.

Our mobile dental clinic connects with lots of orphanages around the Siem Reap that has so many children abounded . we do each 6 months a dental screening for them includes oral health education. Those children also receive treatments from our clinic according to their dental problems in the orphanage or at the hospital.

Floating village in the Tonle sap lake, we operate our mobile clinic also for treatments, screening and for oral health education. Reaching to floating village also big adventure in the rainy season with small boats , but when we reach there , so much things to do. Oral health education again very important in this population too. They are so poor as the majority of the Cambodia . Dietary problems are lot , so we try to explain them how to prepare foods help to have good and strong teeth for their children's.

In the hospital we receive patients after the medical screening from the out patient department and many of as complaining pain or with big abscess. we are operating dental clinic since 2000, the number of young children are coming to get our service to restorative their teeth is rising day by day , this is a very good development in our project. They are coming back to clinic again and again more than before(as appointment static's) .Number of restoration are getting better . Each child when they come to clinic they get screening , treatments and oral health educations.

In the clinic we consist with three dental nurses and the one dentist. As we have shown up so many children need our help, we are happy to mention about our volunteers . Each year so many volunteers are coming through our clinic, they are so help full to carry on our work.

Also We spent so much materials for treatments , those volunteers always carry at least few boxes of gloves , masks , anesthesia, tooth brushes ...etc .as our wish list that we posted on the web site (www.angkorhospital.org)



Nursing students are demonstrating how to brush teeth correctly in the dental clinic .

Every year Angkor hospital run a huge education program for nurses , nursing students , doctors from all around the Cambodia



Nareth dental nurse is having a demonstration class for nursing students to practice dental flossing and at the primary school children practice how to brush teeth.



Nursing students shows how to brush teeth correctly to the parents and the children who are at the waiting area in the dental clinic..



In 2008 AHC's dental clinic covered nearly 14000 patients in hospital and the out reach with treatments and oral health education.

