

**Institutional distinctiveness**

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7.3.1 Portray the performance of the Institution in one area distinctive to its priority and thrust within 500 words

In the vision of Educare Institute of Dental Sciences, special care dentistry is a specialized branch that addresses the oral healthcare needs of individuals with complex medical, physical, or intellectual disabilities.

As a dental college, adopting special care dentistry as an institutional distinctiveness can have a significant impact on the quality of care you provide to your patients. It also enhances your reputation as a leading institution in the field of dentistry.

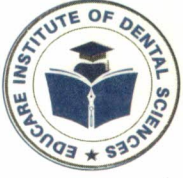
Objectives

- The primary objective of adopting special care dentistry is to provide high-quality, patient-centered care to individuals with complex medical, physical, or intellectual disabilities.
- Involves developing treatment plans tailored to the specific needs and abilities of each patient.
- Includes providing a wide range of services and treatments to address various oral health issues.
- Adopting special care dentistry requires a deep commitment to patient-centered care.
- It necessitates a willingness to adapt and innovate in response to the evolving needs of special needs patients.
- Involve investing in specialized equipment and technology.
- Additionally, it requires training your staff in the latest techniques and best practices in special care dentistry.

Roles And Responsibilities

- Special care dentistry in institutions often plays an active role in community outreach and advocacy.They may offer mobile dental services, conduct free dental camps, and advocate for policies that improve access to dental care for underserved populations.
- This helps raise awareness and ensures that more individuals with special needs receive the care they require.
- Adopting special care dentistry as an institutional distinctiveness significantly improves the quality of care for special needs patients. A study in the Journal of





- Disability and Oral Health found that trained dental professionals are more likely to provide comprehensive oral healthcare to these patients. Date:.....
- They were also better able to manage challenging behaviors during dental procedures.
- Better treatment outcomes for patients include improved oral health, reduced anxiety and fear, and increased cooperation during dental procedures.

### Initiatives

Initiatives taken by Educare Institute of Dental Sciences: A comprehensive oral screening and treatment was conducted for the disabled students, parents and teachers of Blooms special School, Thennala, Venniyur. Patients were given oral health education, free screening and treatments, A camp was conducted at Blooms special school, Kodakkallu, Malappuram in association with Department of Pediatric Dentistry- A team of experienced dentists provided thorough dental check-ups for children and demonstrations on proper brushing and flossing techniques. Another camp was conducted on the account of oral hygiene day at Buds Rehabilitation Center, Chappanangadi, A dental camp has been arranged in Pheonix centre of special needs Perinthalmanna, Malappuram: By providing powered toothbrush and giving instructions regarding oral hygiene to the special children were the highlight of the camp conducted.

### Conclusion

In conclusion, adopting special care dentistry as an institutional distinctiveness enhances the quality of care for special needs patients. By focusing on patient-centered care, offering diverse services, and staying current with research and technology, dental colleges can provide the best possible care. Although there are challenges, the benefits for both patients and institutions make it a worthwhile investment



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