



UP Voice

The Official Newsletter of the University of Puthisastra (UP)



UP DONATES APPROXIMATELY USD 8K TO LRDE

On the 16th July, UP donated \$7,977.36 USD from its Covid Appeal fund to help LRDE (Les Restaurants des Enfants) during the Covid-19 pandemic. Thank you everyone - none of it is possible without the contributions of UP staff, students, partners and friends.

The event took place on 16th July 2021 at LRDE (Les Restaurants des Enfants). Mr. Chhiv Ngauv, Director of LRDE had the honor to welcome Professor. Ian Findlay, President and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Puthisastra (UP) and 4 other staff from UP. UP and LRDE would like to express sincere thanks to all donors who have contributed an incredible amount of money especially very generous donations from Andrew Sinclair and family and AHHA (Australian Health Humanitarian Aid) – <http://www.ahha.org.au/> to help the street children in LRDE. Thank you for being a great friend to the UP community.

Most of the kids at LRDE come from poor family backgrounds and some are orphans with large number of them working and begging on the streets of Phnom Penh. Their “work” ranges from street vendors to collecting garbage cans for survival.



The donation to UP's Covid-19 Community Relief Campaign is part of UP efforts during the Covid-19 to show solidarity with those most affected by the pandemic, and just one small way we can help the country during these very difficult times. We believe that together, we can and are make an impact!

The UP Donation Campaign is an annual event aims to encourage individuals to share hope and goodwill for those who are in need. This also inspires everyone to have a positive impact in our communities through acts of kindness. UP and whole UP family are very grateful for the contribution of our donors. It definitely matches to our core value “Honor Self, Respect Others and Develop Society”.

WHAT'S UP ON CAMPUS

• 19 JULY 2021 | DEADLINE FOR BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (RESEARCH) NEW INTAKE

UP SIGNS AN MOU WITH A PROMINENT INDIAN UNIVERSITY



On 14th of July an MOU was signed between UP Faculty of Dentistry and Faculty of Medicine with Narayana Medical and Dental colleges, located in Nellore, Andhra Pradesh, India. Narayana group of institutions are well known in India and include 300 such campuses, including schools and universities. Narayana dental college started in 2001 and has an annual intake of 100 undergraduate students and is running master's courses in all 9 specialties of dentistry with an annual intake of 28 post-graduate students.

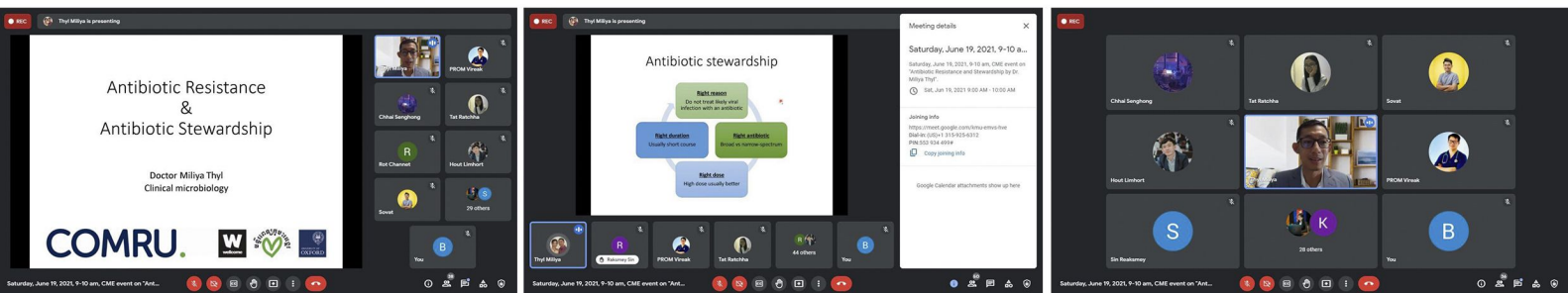
Narayana Medical college is also a widely renowned institution having super-specialty courses in all branches of Medicine. They also are one of the very few institutions in India with a state-of-the-art translational research center. Narayana General Hospital has 1180 service beds of 240 with excellent infrastructure and high-end equipment, providing primary, secondary, and tertiary healthcare.

Hospital is supported by an ultra modern laboratory and around-the-clock running blood bank. It has a unique emergency medicine department(Casualty) managed by qualified professionals to provide quality care. Narayana Super Speciality Hospital consists of 160 beds with state-of-the-art infrastructure with 18 module operation theaters and well-equipped I.C.U.'s.

Dr. Anand Marya, the Head of Orthodontics at UP and Dr Prasad Mandava, the Head of Orthodontics at Narayana dental college, took the initiative to organize talks between both the institutions, which eventually led to the signing of the MOU. This MOU has been signed again, keeping in mind that UP will be starting their Masters in Orthodontics sometime this year.

The online MOU signing ceremony was attended by UP representatives: Professor Ian Findlay (President and Vice Chancellor), Professor Callum Durward (Dean of Dentistry), Professor Sandro Vento (Dean of Medicine) and A/Professor Anand Marya (Head of Orthodontics); and from Narayana Dental College, Professor B. Ajay Reginald (Principal), Professor SP Rao (Dean of Medicine) and Professor Prasad Mandava (Head of Orthodontics). We are looking forward to student and faculty exchange programs and collaborations for research purposes across all disciplines. We also have in plan various Faculty development programs that would involve faculties from both institutions.

CME EVENT ORGANIZED BY THE FACULTY OF MEDICINE ON ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANCE AND ANTIBIOTIC STEWARDSHIP



The first CME event organized by the Faculty of Medicine took place on Saturday, 19th June 2021 with the participation of 54 health professionals and students.

Dr. Milia Thyil, clinical microbiologist from Angkor Hospital for Children, delivered a presentation on antibiotic resistance and antibiotic stewardship.

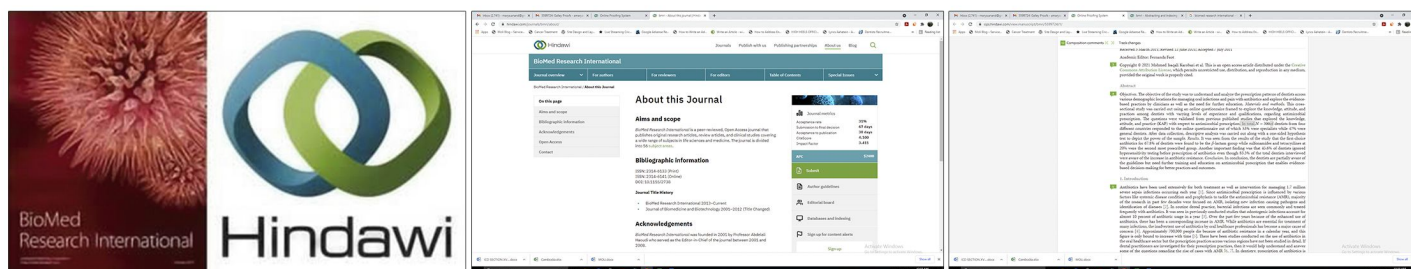
Antibiotic resistance is a very concerning issue in Cambodia and around the world, and inappropriate prescription of antibiotics or use of antimicrobials without prescription are some of the leading underlying causes. Some bacteria have an inherited resistance (intrinsic resistance) and others acquire it through mutations.

Dr. Milia highlighted also the need to follow a few important principles in the prescription and use of antimicrobials. These are called “the 4Rights”:

- 1.Right reasons: do not treat viral infections with antibiotics.
- 2.Right antibiotics: choose narrow-spectrum antibiotics as much as you can.
- 3.Right doses: high doses are generally more appropriate.
- 4.Right duration: the period of time when antibiotics are used should not be excessive.

After the presentation, many questions/clarifications were asked from the audience. The Faculty of Medicine will organize further CME events in the next few months.

UP DENTISTS GET PUBLISHED IN HIGH IMPACT JOURNAL



This month UP dentists have again got published in a High impact journal - BioMed Research International by the Hindawi group. The study published is a multicultural study involving dentists from Cambodia, Italy, India, and Malaysia. The study's title is "A Multicultural Demographic Study to Analyze Antibiotic Prescription Practices and the Need for Continuing Education in Dentistry."

Two UP dentists were involved in this study - Dr. Anand Marya, the Head of Orthodontics, and Dr. Horn Rithvitou, Lecturer. BioMed Research International is a prominent journal with an impact factor of 3.411 and holding a Q2 ranking on Web of Science. It is indexed in all the major indices and features a wide variety of research topics. The Faculty of Dentistry has had an incredible output this year, with more than 40 published papers in 2021 and many more in review.

NEW TRAINING TOPIC FOR CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT ONLINE MINI-WORKSHOPS

By Kol Rotha, Engagement and Partnership Officer, University of Puthisastra

To Foundation Year students, welcome to University of Puthisastra. Hello, all UP's students! I hope you are doing well.

University of Puthisastra, especially Teaching and Learning team, are always committed to bringing new learning, literacy and life skills to the classroom experience. Typically, extracurricular activities enables students to have access to the twenty-first century learning. Moreover, the students will be equipped with soft skills and up-to-date knowledge, which will be a great convenience for everyday learning and future career.

Therefore, all students at UP are encouraged to attend Capacity Development Online Mini-Workshops – a free-of-charge training program they can register for any topics they like at their suitable date and time. There are so many interesting topics about tips and guides that the students can go for. Meanwhile, I also volunteer to contribute two topics which I believe this will be very useful for students' learning experience. The first topic is "Why Communication Skills are important in Health Care?"

And the new topic, "Psychological Safety in Virtual Classroom", will be presented on July 22, 2021 onwards.

As you have already known that the world has been affected by the Covid-19 pandemic, students have to switch to online learning mode. Whatever mode the students are learning, there are always challenges. Thus, this new topic will explain the definition of psychology safety and why we need it in our online classroom?

"Do something today that your future self will thank you for." – Patrick Flanery

Please start the registration now. After completion of the training a certificate of participation will also be provided.

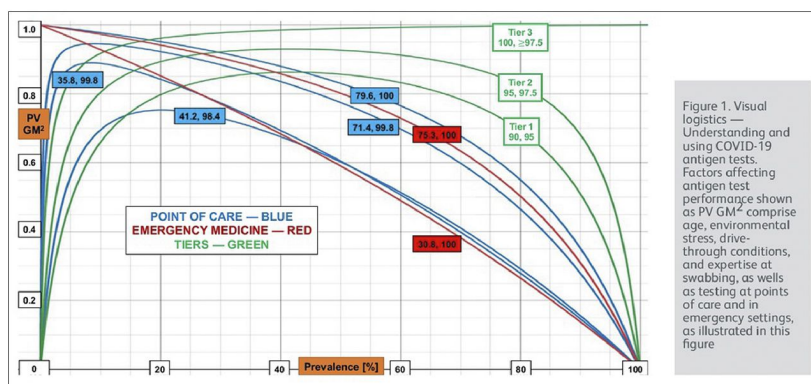
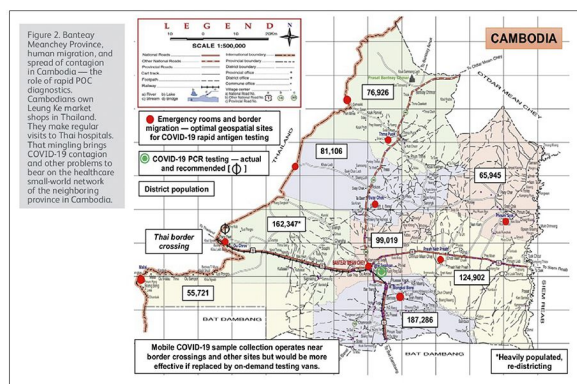


UP STAFF PUBLISHED AN ARTICLE ABOUT "POINT-OF-CARE STRATEGIES FOR COVID-19 IN CAMBODIA"



The COVID-19 pandemic is having destructive impact on human health and well-being and will likely continue to do so through its devastating effects on the economy and poverty. In Cambodia, the outbreak has gotten worse and spread badly among the provinces since the emergence of the February 20 cluster. It is therefore of utmost importance to help communities prepare and respond to the ongoing spread of the virus.

Muyngim ENG, a researcher from UP expressed her motivation to contribute in helping to stop the spread of Coronavirus and Protect the communities. Enthusiastically working with Dr. Gerald Kost, the Fulbright Scholar 2020-2022, on a research project related to COVID-19 testing, she recently published an article about the COVID-19 risk avoidance and management in limited-resource countries on Omnia Health.



The article illustrates how point-of-care testing (POCT) can help transition risk avoidance to risk management during the COVID-19 crisis by applying sound geospatial strategies to a “hotspot.” The authors used the example of a border province in Cambodia to illustrate principles of implementing COVID-19 POCT in a limited-resource setting. The goals of this research are to a) strategize high volume of COVID-19 testing to detect outbreaks quickly and limit their spread in Cambodia, b) to analyze public accessibility to COVID-19 testing, and c) to enhance awareness of COVID-19 test performance over the entire range of prevalence.

The study highlighted the limited testing capacity in Cambodia especially in rural provinces with the absence of national standardisation and uniform policy to guide rural healthcare facilities in use of rapid COVID-19 diagnosis or their quality control. While SARS-CoV-2 antigen tests in Cambodia are most useful in settings of low prevalence, many factors affect antigen test performance include age (children), environmental stress (uncontrolled temperature), drive-through conditions, and expertise at swabbing. Additional challenges include environmental conditions and use of POCT in emergency settings.

Strategic risk management through quick access to COVID-19 testing will benefit the capital, Phnom Penh, and rural areas. Scaling up of rapid antigen tests at health facilities in rural and border areas identified by geospatial analysis will enhance early detection at points of need. With limited resources, Cambodia should carefully and urgently devise a national testing plan by employing geospatial analysis, transit time metrics, and strategic mappings to avoid and manage COVID-19 risk and outbreaks.

The full article could be found here:

<https://insights.omnia-health.com/laboratory/covid-19-risk-avoidance-and-management-limited-resource-countries>

The study in general has enabled us from various regions to fully break through geographical insights and achieve high efficiency result to ease the COVID-19 pandemic. UP has also established a practical framework for sharing information, resources, materials, and research results for the benefits of Cambodians.

WELCOME TO NEW BATCH OF PHARMACY STUDENTS!



National entrance exam was regularly arranged every year. Due to Covid-19 pandemic, it is conducted lately this year. Based on the result dated on 30th July 2021, 163 pharmacy students were selected via online examination for University of Puthisastra (UP). Students will spend their 5-year study in classroom, laboratory, hospital pharmacies, community pharmacies, medical laboratories and pharmaceutical enterprises. We, Faculty of Pharmacy are really glad to welcome new batch of our future pharmacists to UP.

Selecting UP as one of potential universities was not an easy job. Here, at UP, we have created student supporting environment since the first day of class for you. We believe you will grow and fully reach your potentials here.

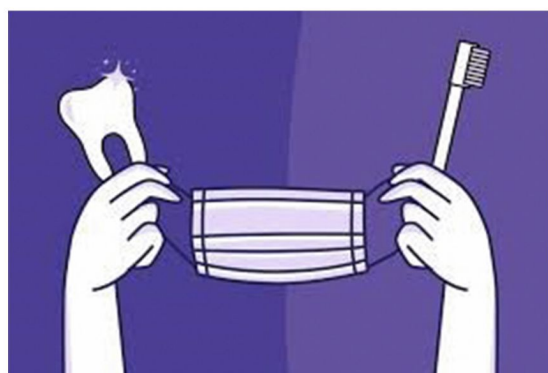
UP's Faculty of Pharmacy is the only school of pharmacy in Cambodia, recognized by prestigious organizations such as the academic institutional member of International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP), Asian Association of Schools of Pharmacy (AASP), ASEAN Association of School of Medical Technology (AASMT), and ASEAN PharmaNet.



UP's faculty of Pharmacy provides students with high quality education, resulting in the highest passing rate during the National Exit Exam within the last four years.

The graduates from the Faculty of Pharmacy has high employment rates of 93.68%, 77.42%, 98.79%, 68.00% and 70.60% for the first, second, third, fourth and fifth batch respectively, according to the survey conducted during the graduation ceremony of each academic year.

UP DENTAL STUDENT INTAKE HIGHEST EVER



Two weeks ago the National Entrance Examination saw a large number of students apply for dentistry at UP. We were very happy to hear that 95 students who applied for dentistry passed the exam and will be studying at UP. This is the largest intake we have had, and a sign that UP is gaining a reputation as being a high quality education provider.

Our intake was the second highest among the 5 dental schools in Phnom Penh. The students did not have long to contemplate their success, as classes started the following week for most of this intake.

We welcome the new dental students and look forward to the next 7 years of your journey with us.

DR. CHHIM SARATH ATTENDED THE FIRST MEETING OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION (STI)



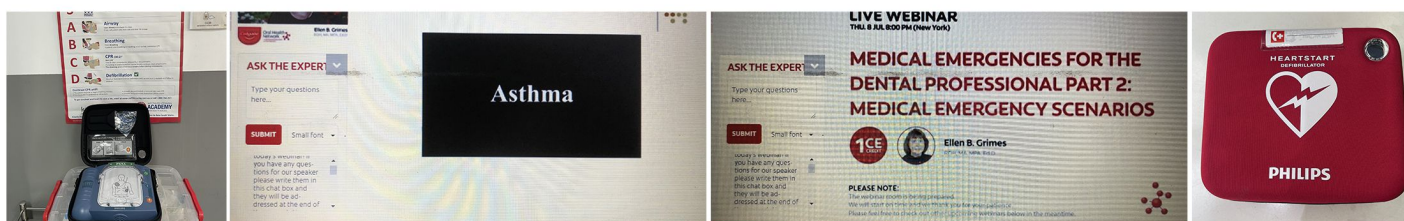
Dr. Chhim Sarath, Deputy Dean for Research of the Faculty of Medicine and member of the Advisory Board of the National Council of Science, Technology & Innovation (NCSTI) attended the first NCSTI virtual meeting on the 8th July 2021. The meeting was chaired by His Excellency Kittti Settha Pandita CHAM Prasidh, Senior Minister, Minister of Industry, Science, Technology & Innovation (MISTI) and NCSTI Chairman.

The meeting aimed to adopt the “Cambodia’s STI Road Map 2030” which consists of five pillars (1. governance, 2. education, 3. research, 4. collaboration, and 5. ecosystem). The NCSTI also adopted three priority technologies roadmaps for Education, Health, and Agriculture. Among these, health technology focuses on technology that can promote the health of the population as well as disease control through the use of ICT measures and tools. The issues of telemedicine and of readiness for future vaccine development were raised during the meeting. All Public and Private Institutions including health science universities will be expected to sharpen these areas of research and technology.

The spectrum of STI can make a significant contribution to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 3, i.e. ensuring healthy lives and promoting well-being for all at all ages. STI are conceived broadly to include not only scientific and technical innovations, but also well-established low-technology solutions and organizational and social innovations applied to health care.

New technological developments in artificial intelligence, digital health, gene-editing and other areas can advance efforts in achieving Goal 3. The effective application of frontier or well-established STI tools in health care requires national capacities for health care innovation. As a health science University, it will be important for UP to continue to improve the research capacity of its students.

MEDICAL EMERGENCIES IN THE DENTAL CLINIC

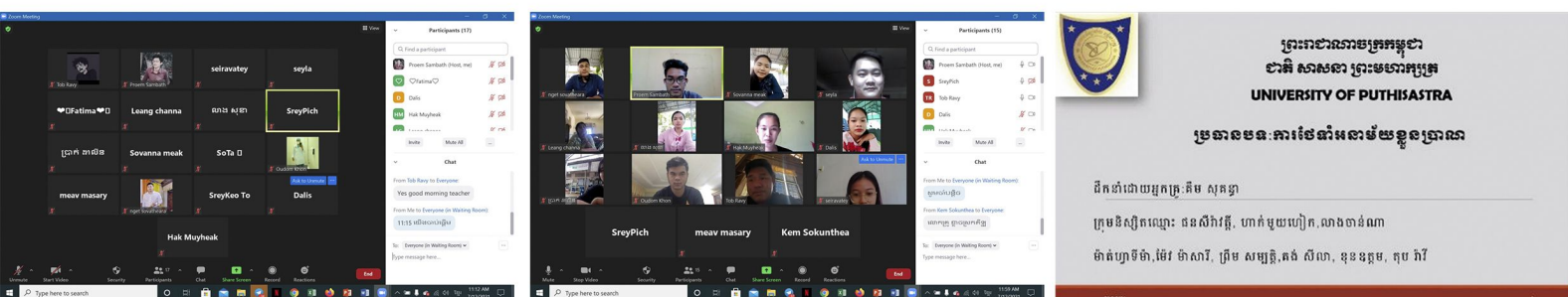


In every dental clinic, there is always the possibility of a medical emergency happening. Fortunately, the UP dental clinic is well equipped with emergency equipment (including an automatic defibrillator (AED)) and emergency drugs. We also train our dental students and staff to handle such emergencies.

This year, Colgate organized a series of webinars for dental professionals around the world. The lectures were given by Dr Ellen B. Grimes, RDH, MA, MPA, Ed.D. from the US. 14 UP clinical tutors and 13 residents and staff of UP Dental Clinic attended the webinars, and later met in Google Meet to discuss how to better apply the guidelines in our own clinic. The discussion highlighted the importance of taking a good medical history and carrying out basic health screening on every patient, and how many medical emergencies can be prevented and managed with good planning.

We are one of the only clinics in Cambodia to routinely screen patients for possible underlying medical conditions (for example high blood pressure and diabetes). We intend to ensure the safety of patients attending our clinic by being ready for emergencies, and by having regular emergency training sessions for both students and staff.

HEALTH EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN



Despite COVID-19 having been a uniquely challenging global crisis, the pandemic has also presented opportunities in modern education to work more efficiently and flexibly in many areas, and here at UP, this is truer than anywhere else in Cambodian Higher Education. In order to support the community, the nursing students from BSNY4 & ADNY3 have organized together, ground-breaking online education provision for children and young people, who we serve in partnership with Le Restaurants des Enfants (LRDE) NGO.

After careful joint research, two distinct areas of work were identified as being of the most potential benefit to the children and young people, and they are self-hygiene and nutrition. With strong collaboration and facilitation between the Faculty of Nursing and LRDE the, we have been able to jointly deliver education sessions, centred on this two areas, during the second week of July.

Along with our education delivery, there are lots of other related engagement activities that have taken place and created a lot of fun between the groups of nursing students and the children of LRDE. In addition, we recognize the great work that our partners at LRDE are doing, and we organized fund-raising, in order to keep assisting some of Cambodia's most vulnerable children too. Together we can help to alleviate poverty and lack of education, wherever we see it.

UP PURCHASES HIGH QUALITY COMPRESSOR FOR DENTAL SIM LAB

Dental students at UP in years 3, 4 and 5 spend a lot of time in the SIM lab where they work on our 31 Nissen Mannequins (phantom heads) carrying out clinical procedures such as rubber dam application, cavity preparations and restorations, crown and bridge preparations, and so on.

The original compressors purchased to power the dental units in the SIM lab were becoming unreliable, and so UP invested \$11,000 to purchase a new Quattro Tandom air compressor by DURR (Germany), the world's leading manufacturer of dental compressors. The unit was installed last week by the Unident Company, ready for when students return to UP campus in the near future.

UP has also recently signed an annual maintenance contract with Unident, to ensure that all our equipment, including dental units, compressors, suction units and X-ray machines are kept in good working order. Without good working equipment we cannot provide a high quality service to our students and patients.



UP NEW DENTAL GRADUATES SUPPORT COVID VACCINATION PROGRAM



Four UP new graduates of the Faculty of Dentistry have been volunteering in the national vaccination program. They are Choun Lina, Duong Pechdara, Thay Timothy and Cheng Chhaiviriyak. Each has joined MOH teams vaccinating hundreds of people over last month. Choun Lina said “Since May this year, my classmates and I have been volunteering with the TYDA vaccination team to deliver the Covid-19 vaccines to residents in Phnom Penh.

As a Cambodian citizen, I'm very glad to be part of this effort, and committed to helping our society recover from the pandemic sweeping across our country. Volunteering offers vital help to people in need, but has had other benefits as well. I have found new friends, connected with local communities and learned some new skills. Rather than being stuck at home during lock down, I have been able to get out and keep busy. This has helped my mental and physical health. It has reduced my stress, kept me mentally stimulated, and provided a sense of purpose”.

UP greatly appreciates the efforts of its students and new graduates to volunteer in the national Covid-19 campaign.

UP ORGANIZES ORTHOFEST ONLINE WEBINAR SERIES ON THE LATEST TRENDING TOPICS IN ORTHODONTICS

The Faculty of Dentistry at UP recently concluded their online webinar series on the latest trending topics in Orthodontics – called OrthoFest. The webinar series lasted a month and a half with a session each Sunday evening and had wonderful participation from dentists across Cambodia. UP (through the Dental Council) also offered 1 CPD point to each attendee for each hour of lectures, and in total 15 CPD points were offered across the whole webinar series. In total we had more than 1000 Cambodian dentists attend (including many orthodontists).

The sessions were conducted from the last week of May to the first week of July. We had a superb speaker line-up with amazing speakers from Brazil, India, South Korea, Mexico, Indonesia, Lebanon, US and Malaysia. The speakers enthusiastically presented cutting edge updates and interesting cases to keep the dentists engrossed in learning on weekends through these webinars. The speakers were invited by Dr. Anand Marya, the Head of Orthodontics at University of Puthisastra. Speaker sessions were followed by discussions involving our UP lecturers Dr Adith Venugopal and Dr Khoun Tola.

The entire event was organized with active efforts by our Dean Callum Durward, Deputy Dean Soeun Sopharith, Dr Khom Pisal, Dr Horn Sereybot and Dr Horn Rithvitou. Our sincere gratitude goes to the Dental Council of Cambodia for providing CPD points for every webinar. UP is actively involved in organizing continuing education programs and we hope to conduct many more such events in the near future.



UP CLINICAL SEMINAR

CASE PRESENTATION SERIES FOR DENTAL STUDENTS CONTINUES



The UP Case Presentation Series for Dental Students has continued over the last four weeks with 6 excellent presentations by speakers from Cambodia, Australia and Malaysia. Our two Cambodian endodontists, both of whom are lecturers at UP, Dr Chum Chenda and Dr Peung Kimsreang, each presented a range of interesting endodontic cases, and engaged students in lively discussion.

Dr Lim Ly Zhen, a Maxillo-Facial Radiologist from the National University of Singapore (NUS) presented on radiolucent lesions in the jaws, sharing a wide variety of cases, mostly detected on panoramic radiographs. She described in detail how to describe and interpret the images, and discussed the differential diagnosis of each lesion.

Dr Cecilia So, an Oral Surgeon and Implantologist from Sydney shared about how to extract teeth with the least amount of trauma, and also about techniques used in wisdom teeth removal. Students went away with many practical tips which they can apply when treating their own patients. Students were also invited to stay online to join the implant seminar which followed thanks to an invitation by Adjunct Assoc Professor Dr Patrick Tseng, Director of the PG Diploma of Implantology program at UP.

Dr Bannete Fernandes, a highly regarded periodontist from SEGi University in Malaysia, shared with students the new international classification of periodontal diseases, and the latest guidelines for management. His lecture was packed full of useful information, and was supplemented by several cases illustrating the new classification.

The final presentation given last week was by Dr Chinh Nguyen, a pediatric dentist from Sydney. Dr Chinh is a member of AHHA, the Australian group of dentists who visit Cambodia each year and work with UP dental students providing dental treatment for special needs children. Dr Chinh shared with the students several cases of dental trauma, how they were managed, and some long term complications. He also shared with students the new technique of pulp revascularization, mainly used for avulsed immature permanent teeth.

With the end of semester approaching, there are only a few presentations left in the present series. We hope that students from UP, as well as students from other dental schools who participated, have found the series helpful during this period when they are unable to go to the university clinic to practice on patients.

UP DENTAL STUDENTS DEFEND THESIS ON CROSS INFECTION CONTROL IN THE UP DENTAL CLINIC

Two weeks ago three dental students, Long Panha, Tep Piseth and Seng Lyhour, defended their thesis on patient perceptions of cross infection control (CIC) in the UP dental clinic. The thesis was supervised by Adj Assoc Prof Chher Tepirou from the MOH, and Prof Callum Durward, Dean of Dentistry at UP.

The Examiners were Dr Hak Sithan (MOH), Dr Khom Pisal (UP) and Assistant Prof Soeun Sopharith. The defense was attended by more than 80 dentists, students and family members. The study has provided useful information about patients knowledge of transmission of infection in dental clinics, their expectations of CIC when they visit the dentist, and what they observed in the UPDC. The students passed with Credit, and hope to present their findings at an international conference later in the year.

ABSTRACT

"Knowledge and Perceptions about Cross Infection Control among Patients Attending the University of Puthisastra Dental Clinic"

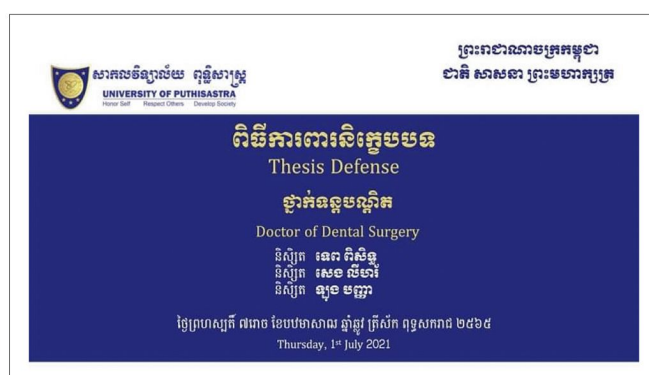
Introduction: Infection is a process of tissue invasion by microorganisms, characterized by multiplication of these microorganisms in the body of the host to produce diseases. Cross infection implies transmission of infection between patients, as well as between patients and health care professionals.

Aims: The aim of this study was to investigate patients' knowledge and perceptions regarding cross infection control in the UPDC.

Methods: This was a cross-sectional survey exploring the knowledge and perceptions of patients attending the University of Puthisastra Dental Clinic regarding cross infection control. Convenience sampling of 200 adult participants attending the Dental Clinic was carried out. Patients were approached in the clinic waiting room and given verbal and written given information about the study. Following consent, patients were then interviewed by one of three investigators in a quiet room near the dental clinic.

Results: the mean age of participants was 28.52 (SD 12.32). 63.5% of participants were students. All participants agreed or strongly agreed that cleanliness in dental clinic is very important, dentists should always wear gloves and a facemask while treating a patient, and that all instruments used in the dental clinic should be sterilized. 78% of the participants agreed that serious infections can be transmitted during dental treatment, including HIV (72.6%), Hep B (61.9%), Hep C (8.8%), and Tuberculosis (8.8%). 96% of the participants agreed that UPDC looked clean and hygienic and 94% that all instruments looked clean. However, 49.5% of the participants agreed that the clinic looked "tatty" and 37.5% agreed that they were afraid of getting a serious infection while having treatment. Participants gave the UPDC a mean score of 8.3 out of 10 for its CIC.

Conclusion: Within the limits of this study we concluded that patients mostly had positive perceptions of CIC in the UPDC. Most patients were aware that many diseases, such as HIV and Hepatitis B, can be transmitted in dental clinic and that it is important to them that dental students and staff demonstrate good cross infection control practices. Students occasional touching of unclean objects and surfaces with their gloves on was one area identified for improvement.



WELCOME BACK DR CHHE PHEAROM, PEDIATRIC DENTIST



Three years ago, Dr Chhe Phearom was working at University of Puthisastra in the position of Community Dentistry Fieldwork Coordinator.

Then, in 2018, he was awarded a “KKU Scholarship for ASEAN & GMS Countries” to undertake a Master of Science in Pediatric Dentistry at Khon Kaen University, Thailand. Dr Phearom had been interested in this field since his undergraduate days at UHS.

On his arrival at KKU there were many hurdles to overcome – settling in to a new place and culture, learning a new language, the high academic standards, and the challenge of learning new advanced clinical skills.

Over the 3 years of the program, Dr Phearom has learned many things and advanced his clinical skills to the level of a specialist. During the course he had a chance to attend the SAKURA SCIENCE exchange program at the Faculty of Dentistry, Niigata University, Japan. This course mainly focused on basic and clinical research. His thesis for his Master’s program was entitled: “A Retrospective Study of Oral and Maxillofacial Lesions in Youth and Early Adulthood Population in Northeastern Thailand”. This research study provided information of oral lesions that could be useful for general practitioners as well as pediatric dentists to identify these oral lesions as part of routine dental checkups.

The clinical training during the course involved developing advanced clinical and behavioural management skills, treating special needs children (including those with clefts), providing treatment to children under general anesthesia and sedation, and managing dental emergencies. In 2020 he completed his course work, and recently he defended his thesis, and is able to graduate. Dr Phearom found the teaching staff as well as the other postgraduate students to be very helpful and supportive, and is very grateful to have had this wonderful opportunity.

Dr Phearom will be returning to Cambodia in July, and will be teaching part-time at UP, as well as working in private practice. UP is very happy to welcome Dr Phearom back and we look forward to his support in the teaching of pediatric dentistry in the future. He will become only the second Cambodian specialist in pediatric dentistry, joining Dr Yos Chantho, who also lectures at UP.

