



# Oral Health Dialogue

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Khesar Gyalpo University of Medical Sciences of Bhutan

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Time: 1:30 – 4:00 PM BST

Oral Health  
& Dentistry  
in Bhutan:  
call for action  
to address a  
public health  
urgency

## Webinar Link

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## Chief Guest



Lyonpo Dasho Dechen Wangmo,  
Ministry of Health, Bhutan

## Speakers



Dr. Tshewang Gyeltshen,  
GDDS, Tsirang



Dr. Sonam Ngedup,  
Paedodontist, JDWNRH



Dr. Gyan Prasad Bajgai,  
Sr. Lecturer, OMS,

## International Speaker



Prof. OP Kharbanda,  
AIIMS, New Delhi, India

## Guest Speaker



Prof. Dr. Jyotsna Rimal,  
Oral Medicine and Radiology,  
BPKIHS, Dharan, Nepal

## Objectives

Bhutan is at an epidemiological transition. It's free healthcare system has achieved tremendous success. However, certain aspects of health have been overshadowed by growing concerns of other rising diseases. One aspect is Oral Health.

This dialogue will focus on the following objectives:

1. Address oral disease burden in the country – a public health urgency
2. Human resource development of the oral health occupational group
3. Deliberate on the existing policies, challenges and the future scope in oral health and dentistry

## Key Questions

1. Oral Health and Dentistry- Why it matters?
2. Is oral health an overshadowed aspect of Bhutanese health system? What are the pragmatic steps to infuse oral health into overall health policy?
3. Is the current Human Resource adequate?
4. Recommend innovative policy solutions with clear objectives to strengthen oral health services in the country.

### Moderator



Dr. Choki, Orthodontist,  
JDWNRH

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### Programme

Time	Activity	Resources
1:30 – 1:40 PM	Welcome Address	Dr. Kinzang P Tshering, President, KGUMSB
Moderator: Dr. Choki, Orthodontist, JDWNRH		
1:45 – 2:00 PM	Oral health/diseases: a public health urgency in Bhutan	Dr. Tshewang Gyeltshen, GDDS, Tsirang
2:05 – 2:20 PM	Oral health essential services: Availability and gaps in care in Bhutan	Dr. Sonam Ngedup, Paedodontist, JDWNRH
2:25 – 2:40 PM	Rethinking oral health workforce to address oral health in the country	Dr. Gyan Prasad Bajgai, Sr. Lecturer, OMS
2:45 – 3:00 PM	Mainstreaming oral health as an universal health care	Prof. OP Kharbanda, AIIMS, New Delhi, India
3:05 - 3:20 PM	Mainstreaming oral health as an universal health care	Prof. Dr. Jyotsna Rimal, Professor and Head, Oral Medicine and Radiology, BPKIHS, Dharan, Nepal
3:25– 3:45 PM	Moderated discussion	Dr. Choki, Orthodontist, JDWNRH
3:50 - 4:00 PM	Remarks	Lyonpo Dasho Dechen Wangmo, Ministry of Health, Bhutan
4:05 – 4:15 PM	Vote of Thanks	Oral Health Program, Ministry of Health

### Expected Target Participants

- Policy makers from Government, Ministry of Health, Local Government and autonomous agencies
- Health professionals including faculty members, Teaching hospitals and district hospitals
- Dental Occupational groups, District Health Officers and Chief Medical Officers

### Conveners



Dr. Karma Tobgay, Asst. Professor  
& HoD, Department of Dentistry



Prof. Dr. Tashi Tenzin, Dean,  
FoPGM, KGUMSB