

Pan masala : a prelude to oral cancer epidemic

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Abstract

Oral cancer is the most common type of cancers and ranked 6th among all types of cancers. India being a very vast country contributes to 1/3 rd of the population suffering with oral cancer. Tobacco in smoked and smokeless form is the leading pathway to oral cancer in Indian population especially in the rural population. India being one of the largest populated countries in the world, there is lack of awareness, poverty and increased habitual consumption of tobacco in India, leading to the highest mortality rate due to oral cancer. Even though there are lots of campaigns, and creating awareness programs by health care professionals, Oral cancer is progressing rapidly. We have done a rapid and extensive study on progression of oral cancer with age, gender, site, based on habit and counseling. Even though lots of efforts are being made to control the disease, there are massive rise, leading to severe progression of oral cancer causing mortality. There should be a check of tobacco related products to control the disease and reduce the mortality rate.

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