DEPARTMENT OF ORTHODONTICS AND DENTOFACIAL ORTHOPAEDICS.

OUR VISION
To make the Department of Orthodontics as a world leader in academic orthodontics through excellence in our teaching, research, service/engagement, and patient care programs.

OUR MISSION
The mission of the Department of Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics is to engage in high quality teaching, research and public service consistent with the overall mission of MARDC. The Department seeks to play an integral role in the education of dental students and postgraduate residents in the art and science of orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics.

DEPARTMENT GOALS
1. To comprehensively prepare competent individuals to initially practice orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics.
2. To teach residents sound methodological principles in research and scholarly endeavor and to instill the necessity of implementing evidence-based decision making into their professional careers.
3. To provide a program which encourages the orthodontic resident to participate in and develop a value for multidisciplinary orthodontic care.
4. To encourage residents to serve diverse populations of patients, their communities, and the profession, and to advance the specialty of orthodontics by participating in teaching activities throughout their careers.
5. To produce alumni who will play a leadership role in specialty governance, education, and research.

DEPARTMENT POLICIES, RULES AND PROCEDURE

a. We work towards creating an academic environment where teachers are dedicated to teaching and students are dedicated to learning.
b. The college works on long term, well defined policies, rules, regulations and procedures.

Following policies are in operation now:

- Each batch will have a coordinator. The coordinators have the authority to take decisions within the policies of the organization.
- Each coordinator is accountable for the following areas:
  - Attendance of students.
  - Regularity and punctuality in lectures.
  - Informal and formal feedback from students.
  - Attending to students' grievances.
  - Completion of portion in line with teaching plans.
  - Setting examination date, question papers, result declaration, moderation and coordination with similar institutes.
  - Coordination with other departments of the institute.
  - Specially for weak students we have introduced guardian teacher system who will attend to academic needs of the student on one to one basis.
  - Monthly attendance of students will be notified by the Professor-in-charge, on the notice board.
Guardians will be informed about any short fall in attendance or poor performance of their ward. Such students will be counseled by the Vice-Principal, in the presence of the guardian.

Additional measures such as test series, tutorials, remedial lectures, etc will be implemented in different departments to improve the quality of education.

Performance of students in first term examination is communicated to the guardians in case their result is found to be unsatisfactory.

**Achievements by Staff**

1. **Courses conducted by Department**
   a) Biostar and its application conducted by Scheu representative from Germany
   b) Demonstration of Dolphin Software by Mr Manish Sharma
   c) Hands on workshop on Edgewise Mechanics and its application to contemporary Orthodontics Techniques by Dr Gaurav Gupta.

2. **Staff involved in Research**
   a) All staff headed By Dr Ajit Kalia, Dr Rajaganesh and Dr Salil Nene

3. **Staff appointed on Prestigious Appointment**
   a) Dr Ashwith Hegde appointed as Member of the University research committee of MUHS, Nashik
   b) Dr Rajaganesh Gautam appointed as EC Member of Pune orthodontic study group.
4. Special achievement by the staff

- Dr Ajit Kalia, Dr Rajaganesh Gautam and Dr Salil Nene became the Diplomate of the prestigious Indian Board of Orthodontics.
- Dr Ajit Kalia presented keynote lectures at the international conferences held at Rigga and Sarwak.
- Dr Ajit Kalia presented a keynote lecture at the 49th IOC held at Kolkatta.
- Dr Rajaganesh Gautam presented a keynote lecture at the 49th IOC held at Kolkatta.
- Dr Ajit Kalia presented a keynote lecture at the Natinal PG Convention held at Bangalore.
- Dr Rajaganesh Gautam presented a keynote lecture at the PG Convention at Bangalore.
- Dr Salil Nene presented a keynote lecture at the 50th National Indian Orthodontic conference held at Hyderabad.
- Dr Salil Nene presented a keynote lecture at Pune Orthodontic Study Group’s CDe held at Pune.
- Dr Rajaganesh Gautam and Dr Gaurav Gupta presented a Keynote lecture at the Innovation Summit held during Orthosurge’15, Mumbai.
- Dr Gaurav Gupta presented Keynote lecture on Internet Marketing during the 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th Practice Management and Ethical Marketing Symposium held by The Indian Orthodontic Society.
- Dr Rajaganesh Gautam presented Keynote lecture on Internet Marketing during the 6th, 8th and 9th Practice Management and Ethical Marketing Symposium held by The Indian Orthodontic Society.
- Dr Gaurav Gupta presented a Keynote lecture on ‘Role of Orthodontist in Comprehensive Dental Care’ at the Mid Year Convention to be held at the Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh, Scotland.
- Dr Gaurav Gupta presented a Keynote lecture on Online Reputation Management at the 50th National Indian Orthodontic conference to be held on 11-12-15 to 13-12-15.
- Dr Gaurav Gupta published a book on VTO which was published by an international publishing house.
- Dr Kunal Mehta won the second prize for scientific paper presentation at the 48th IOC held at Ahemadabad.
- Dr Nasim and Dr Wasu cleared their part A and part B examination to become the diplomate of Indian Board of Orthodontics.