

The Department of Public Health Dentistry conducted a CDE programme on 20th June, 2019 on “Quality-Assured Data Capture using Epicollect”. The full day program was inaugurated by Dr. Ismail B., Professor & Chairman, Department of PG studies and Research in Statistics, Mangalore University and by Dr. BH Sripathi Rao, Principal, Yenepoya Dental College. Dr. Rekha P. Shenoy welcomed the gathering. Dr. BH Sripathi Rao spoke on the importance of statistics in the health research. Dr. Ismail B. delivered the Presidential Address stressing on how knowledge of biostatistics has become imperative in the field of academics. Dr. Praveen Jodalli delivered the Vote of Thanks.

The Resource Persons were Dr. Abhay S. Nirgude, Professor and Head, Dr. Poonam Naik, Professor, Dr. Akshaya KM, Associate Professor, and Dr. Pracheth R, Assistant Professor, from the Department of Community Medicine, Yenepoya Medical College. Dr. Laxminarayan Sonde, Reader, Dept. of Public Health Dentistry, YDC, Dr. Pavithra H. and Dr. Subhashree Nandy, postgraduate students from the Department of Community Medicine, YMC, had received training earlier in using EpiCollect and were the facilitators for the program.

25 delegates (faculty and postgraduate students) participated in the programme. The programme included both lectures and hands-on exercises using Epicollect. The programme ended with an interactive and feedback session. Participants found the course very beneficial, and appreciated the organizers for the innovative topic chosen and enquired about further sessions on such topics.

