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NTUC HEALTH'S FIRST MOBILE DENTAL CLINIC TO REACH OUT TO 2000 SENIORS ISLANDWIDE

1. Some 2,000 seniors will soon be able to receive quality and affordable dental checks and services at their doorstep with the introduction of NTUC Health's first mobile dental clinic in January 2015.
2. Run by Unity Denticare, a business of NTUC Health, the new Unity Mobile Dental Clinic aims to bring basic dental services closer to the community and help more families especially those with elderly dependents, care for their oral health. It is an initiative which is in line with the government's long term plan to enhance care for frail elderly and to help them age in place within the community.
3. Said Mr Leon Luai, NTUC Health's Head of Clinical Services and Wellness, "By encouraging the community to go for dental checks regularly by bringing our services closer to them, we hope to prevent many health problems such as heart disease and diabetes which can stem from poor oral hygiene. For seniors with mobility issues, the Mobile Dental Clinic will save them time and energy to visit a dentist." The Mobile Dental Clinic comes with a wheelchair lift so that even patients who are wheelchair bound can receive the services.
4. The Unity Mobile Dental Clinic will make its first stops at the NTUC Health SilverACE Senior Activity Centre in Bukit Merah and Villa Francis in Yishun to serve the seniors there. Over the course of 12 months, it aims to reach out to 2,000 seniors by working closely with community partners to provide complimentary dental screenings and oral health education. Patients with Pioneer Generation Cards or who are registered with the Community Health Assist Scheme (CHAS) will enjoy subsidized

rates for the services. Apart from seniors, the Unity Mobile Dental Clinic will also serve schools, community organisations and corporates.

5. The Mobile Dental Clinic will be manned by a team comprising an experienced dentist, an oral health therapist, and a dental assistant; and fully equipped with 2 dental chairs and radiological equipment similar to that in a physical clinic. All processes, such as cleaning and disinfecting of instruments, will follow the same stringent standard operating procedures as that in a physical clinic.

6. The Unity Denticare Mobile Dental Clinic is the newest addition to Unity Denticare's existing network of 18 dental clinics, and is part of its ongoing efforts to reach out to the community. Established as NTUC Denticare in 1971 to bring affordable dental services to workers, Unity Denticare continues to live out its social mission today by offering a comprehensive array of dental services with prices benchmarked against key service providers in the industry, and costs kept low through bulk purchasing to ensure affordability. It also reaches out to the community through regular dental screenings for vulnerable groups in society and actively works with pre-schools to educate children and their parents on the importance of oral health.

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