

Brief introduction about faculty members involved in this course in alphabetical order is as follows:

Dr A. M. Kadri, is presently working as Professor & Head, PSM Department, PDU Government Medical College, Rajkot. He has 17 years of experience in the Preventive & Social Medicine/Public Health Field.

During this period he has been involved in the Undergraduate Teaching, Post Graduate Teaching, Public Health Research, Monitoring & Evaluation of various state & health program in different capacities, training & capacity building of the public health staff etc.

He has been closely associated with Health & Family Welfare Department, Government of Gujarat and has contributed in different public health related work individually or as a member of committees or groups. He has 12 papers published in various journals.

He had been assigned the additional responsibilities as a Joint Director at Gujarat State AIDS Control Society (GSACS) from 2005 to 2010. During the five years tenure at GSACS he was leading the Targeted Interventions, Counseling & Testing, Information, Education & Communication, Mainstreaming, Surveillance divisions and various projects being implemented as a part of National AIDS Control Program.

Dr. Chandresh M. Pandya is MD in Community Medicine. He is currently working as Associate Professor, Dept. of Community Medicine, GMERS Medical College, Gotri, Vadodara. He has worked as Assistant Professor at Govt. Medical College, Bhavnagar. He has worked as an Assistant Professor at Medical College, Baroda and Bhavnagar for more than 8 years. He was executive member for more than five years during 2001-12 of IAPSM –Gujarat chapter. He also worked as Governing Council member of IAPSM National body for the two years during 2011-12 to 2012-13. He has more than 20 years of experience in the field of Public Health. He looked after Routine Immunization activities as State Routine Immunization Monitor (SRIM) in Vadodara & Bhavnagar Districts for the Govt. of Gujarat. Govt. of India had deputed him as Rapid Response Team (RRT) member for the IPPI in the Bihar State in the year 2005. He is a trainer for the various training programs like IMNCI, Routine Immunization, IYCF, STI/RTI, HIV/AIDS etc. He is also monitoring and evaluating various National Health Programs and actively involved in research projects for the department.

Dr. Jitendra Gajjar has done his M.B.B.S. from Goa Medical College, Panaji and D.P.H. from All India Institute of Hygiene and Public Health, Kolkata. In addition he has also done Certificate course in H & FW Management from NIHF New Delhi.

He began his Journey as Medical Officer at PHC in Vadodara District. Since then he has held various posts in Government of Gujarat, EMO, ADHHO, CDHO, Asst, Director, Associate Professor-SIHFW etc. He has worked with WHO as Surveillance Medical Officer in NPSP at Allahabad, State Project Officer in UNFPA supported IPD project, EC supported Sector Reform Program, Research Officer at IIM Ahmedabad, Training Consultant in WHO supported IDSP project, OSD in the office of Hon. Minister-H & FW, Government of Gujarat. He is currently working as Consultant- Health System research and Training at IIPHG.

His other fields of interest are Understanding Human Behavior, Health System Management, Travel, etc.

Dr. Jay K. Sheth – MBBS, MD (Preventive and Social Medicine): With more than 13 years of teaching experience, he is an Expert Faculty Member in the field of Preventive and Social Medicine (Community Medicine). He has served as an executive member of IAPSM-GC for many years. He is actively involved in organizing and managing various training programmes and first ever PG-Meet “Booster-2012” is one of the example. He has also accomplished a distance learning course of “Diploma in Human Resource Management” from IIMAT. Communication is a crucial quality when it comes to training & that is what makes him special. Immunization is one of his strong topic of interest. He has experience of various National level trainings. His wider net of experience also covers topics like Hospital Waste Management, HIV/AIDS, Verbal Autopsy, cold-chain. He has been instrumental and key resource person in imparting vaccination training to the Health Workers of the Ahmedabad city during the last few years.

He is actively involved in organizing and managing various training programmes, field monitoring and supportive supervision of the Vaccination activities during Mamta Day, analyzing the field situations and improving the field activities in a coordinated manner. He is also involved in documenting and managing various projects. He is equally involved in Teaching and Research activities just as he is busy with Training activities.

Teaching is his passion and that is why it is a joyous process to learn from him. He is a confident, optimistic and self-disciplined person. He is committed to the cause and always strives for perfection.

Dr. K. N. Patel, M.B.B.S., D.P.H., C.H.M. HIV and Public Health Consultant, Qualified Public Health Specialist with about four decades of progressive professional work experience in government health programmes and was associated with HIV/AIDS related activities for the last 15 years. He has experience of working as a Consultant – HIV/AIDS for last 6 years (4 years with UNICEF, one year with renowned NGO (SFT) and one year with PDCSL). He possesses updated technical knowledge for the subject and the development issues. He has the experience for project planning, implementation and monitoring for area projects supported by development partners and implemented by Government. Gujarati language being mother tongue he can communicate easily with local counterparts. He has experience of working with multi sectoral and multi cultural environment. He has demonstrated ability in developing and nurturing partnerships. He possesses required computer skills for various office applications. He has professional Work experience as Consultant – HIV/AIDS, UNICEF, Gujarat (Jan 2006 - Dec 2009), Additional Director in Health and Family Welfare and Project Director RCH and Integrated Population and Development Project (July 1999 – Nov 2005), Joint Director in Integrated Child Development Scheme (Jun 1997 – Jun 1999), Regional Deputy Director in Health & Medical Services, Gandhinagar (Sep 1991 – May 1997), District Health Officer and State Epidemiologist (Aug 82 to Aug 91), Medical Officer, Primary Health Center (March 1973 to July 1982).

He attended the Course on planning and Management of Expanded Programme on Immunization; WHO-GEA Seminar on Tuberculosis Control for District Officers; The Course on Guinea Worm Eradication Programme; National HIV/AIDS counseling workshop; Training Workshop for physicians in AIDS diagnosis, management, counseling and reporting; Course on Management of Primary Health Care in Rural Areas at *National Institute of Rural Management, Hyderabad*; Course on Health Systems Research at *National Institute of Health and Family Welfare, New Delhi*, Observation Study Tour to Indonesia on Community Participation in Reproductive Health Programme - The Indonesian Experience from 10th February to 4th March 1999. Workshop on Health System Reforms at *London School of Economics, UK* from 2-7 September 2002.

Dr.Kapil M. Gandha, MD in Community Medicine, is currently working as Assistant Professor in community medicine department, M.P.Shah Medical College, Jamnagar. He is having a teaching experience of 4 years. He has seven publications in various indexed journals. His fields of interest are Research, Reproductive & child health, HIV & Training activities. He is also involved in Regional Monitoring Team activities with the Health Department.

Dr kaushik Lodhiya is currently working as Assistant Professor, PSM in PDU Medical College, Rajkot. He has done his Post Graduation in PSM from Shri M. P. Shah Medical College, Jamnagar in 2011. He has a teaching experience of about 3 years in PSM. He also has 3 international, 3 national & 1 state level publications to his credit. His fields of interest are Research, Reproductive & child health, HIV, Health System & Training activities. He is also involved in Regional Monitoring Team activities with the Health Department. He has attended several important conferences & workshops the important ones being, “International Workshop on MICRONUTRIENT Deficiency & CHILD Health” held at AIIMS- New Delhi 2009, “Short Course on Fundamentals of Clinical Trial & Meta-Analysis” and “Short Course on Fundamentals of Logistic Regression & Survival Analysis” held at CMC-Vellore 2010.

Prof. Dr. Niraj Pandit, is presently working as Professor in department of Community Medicine with Sumandeep Vidyapeeth since last almost three years, he has done his postgraduate in Community Medicine (Preventive and Social Medicine) from B J Medical College, Ahmedabad in 2001. He has experience of working with various Medical Colleges, Government National Health programme and NGO. Basically he is academician and researcher. As Professor Teaching subject Community Medicine to undergraduate students of MBBS and post graduate students of MD Community Medicine and diploma student of Public Health. He was awarded for best published paper in Healthline journal in 2005, received prizes for essay competition for consecutive two years which was organized by National Association of Community Medicine. Presently he is working as Member of Editor Board of Journal ‘Healthline’ which is official publication of Indian Association of Preventive and Social Medicine Gujarat Chapter (<http://iapsmgc.org/HEALTHLINE.html>), also working as managing editor of Journal of Integrated Health Sciences (JIHS) of Sumandeep Vidyapeeth. He is also working on board advisory board and Reviewer panel of ‘International Journal of Scientific Study (IJSS)’ since year 2012 visit <http://www.ijss-sn.com/advisory-board--reviewer-panel.html>

Dr. Pradeep Kumar, is currently working as Professor & Head Community Medicine Department at GMERS Medical College, Sola, Ahmadabad. He did MBBS (1981) and MD in Community Medicine (1984) from MLB Medical College, Jhansi. He has 33 years of teaching experience as Tutor, Asst. Professor, Associate Professor & Professor at state medical colleges of Gujarat. He has been the National/ State level trainer/coordinator/evaluator for various national health programs. Dr. Kumar has attended more than 50 national & international conferences & 45 workshops/seminars including a 12 weeks training at London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, (UK) on Epidemiology and Medical Statistics and another 4 weeks training on adolescence health at University of Lund (Sweden). He presented research work on hypertension in children in 2005 at International conference on Hypertension at Singapore, delivered a guest

lecture on vector borne diseases at Dhahran (Nepal) in 2009 and attended a meeting on maternal health inequalities and inequities under EPI 4 at Shanghai (PRC) in 2012. Till date he has published 62 research papers in national and international journals on Epidemiology of communicable and non-communicable diseases, sex education, occupational health etc. He is a recognized MD and Ph D teacher at Gujarat University, Ahmadabad and VN SG University, Surat and has 10 MD and 1 Ph D successful candidates to his credit.

Dr. Kumar is member of editorial board of Indian Journal of Community Medicine, Indian Journal of Public Health, National Journal of Community Medicine and health line and has been awarded the fellowship of Indian Association of PSM. Prior to his current assignment, since Oct 2007 he worked as Additional Project Director with Gujarat State AIDS Control Society and Director of Gujarat State Council of Blood Transfusion for 4 years. During this period, he was involved in scaling up and successful integration of service facilities for HIV in the state.

Dr. P. B. Verma is Professor & Head, Community Medicine Department at GMERS Medical College, Gandhinagar. He did MBBS & MD (PSM) from Gandhi Medical College, Bhopal and DIH from Govt. Medical College, Vadodara. He has wide experience of teaching and training at UG & PG level. He has been examiner of MBBS & MD in various states. He has also worked as MCI assessor for MBBS & MD course across the country. He has been awarded WHO fellowship in “Health Care Financing” at Centre of Health Economics, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand. He has also been involved in monitoring and evaluation of various National Health Programs across the state. He has worked as Co-investigator for “World Mental Health Project, Bhavnagar Centre in India” funded by W.H.O., Project Coordinator of Micronutrient Support Unit (MSU) at Bhavnagar, Project-Coordinator for State HIV/AIDS Resource Centre (SHRC) funded by GSACS at Rajkot. His research areas of interest are RCH, epidemiology of communicable & non-communicable diseases, health economics and occupational health. He has received training in various aspects of health at national and state level. He has various research papers to his credit. At present he is working on various research projects at Gandhinagar.

Dr. Prakash B Patel

He has passed his MBBS from BJ medical College, Ahmedabad in 20013 and MD in Community Medicine in 2006 from NHL Municipal Medical College. He started his career as a 'Nosologist' under Vital Statistic Branch at Commissionerate of Health, MA&ME, Gandhinagar where he looked after implantation of Cause of Death Certificate in the state. He worked there for more than a year. After that he joined Gujarat State AIDS Control Society as a 'NGO Adviser' where he looked after the Targeted Intervention programme of NACP. After working as NGO Adviser for 6 months, he was reassigned his duty as a 'State PPTCT consultant' in GSACS where he looked after implementation of PPTCT program in the state for approximately 9 months. After that he joined SMIMER, Surat as Assistant Professor in Community Medicine

Department. HIV, Maternal & Child health, Research and epidemiology are his areas of interest. He has more than 15 publications mainly in these areas.

Dr. Sureshchandra R Patel has completed his MBBS from Shri M P Shah Medical College, Jamnagar, October 1972, Diploma in Public Health from All India Institute of Hygiene and Public Health, Kolkata, June 1990 and done his Certificate Course in Health and FW Management from NIHFV, New Delhi Aug 2001. He has served Department of Health, Gujarat Government as Medical Officer - Primary Health Center: 17 years, District Level Manager (ADHO/ DIO / CDHO): 12 Years, State Level (State Project Office UNFPA/ Maternal Health Consultant and Assistant Director FW): 5 Years. He was key implementation officer for Chiranjivi scheme of Gujarat Government. He has also worked at Indian institute of Management Ahmedabad as Senior Research Associate - 4 years. He has worked in research projects of study of Maternal Health Policy Formulation, Impact Evaluation of Chiranjivi scheme, Infection Control Practices in Labor room and ward. He is also a co-author in various international and national research papers.

DR.UDAY SHANKAR SINGH, PROFESSOR DEPT.OF COMMUNITY MEDICINE at P.S.MEDICAL COLLEGE, KARAMSADANAND, GUJARAT. He has completed MD from M.G.M.Medical College, DAVV, Indore. He was Recognized facilitator in the workshop of “Problem Solving for Better Health” organized by different Medical colleges of India and sponsored by the Dreyfus Health Foundation, New York, United States of America and Health Action by People, Thiruvananthapuram, India. Elected member of the Executive Board in the Indian Association of Preventive & Social Medicine- Gujarat Chapter for the year of 2007-08 & 2008-09. He has completed and awarded fellowship program named “GSMC FAIMER Regional Institute Fellowship” in Medical Education along with educational research project conducted between 2008-2010 at GSMC FAIMER Regional Institute in Seth GS Medical College and KEM Hospital, Mumbai in collaboration with FAIMER Regional Institute, Philadelphia, U.S.A. He acted as a judge in the scientific session held in 17th Annual Conference of Indian Association of Preventive & Social Medicine- Gujarat Chapter organized by P.D.U Medical College, Rajkot in 22nd-23rd January 2010. He has been appointed as a member of Ethics committee on 14th August 2010 for review of research proposals at H.M.Patel Centre for Medical Care and Education, Karamsad, Gujarat. He was the organizing secretary of XVIII Annual Conference of Indian Association of Preventive & Social Medicine - Gujarat Chapter held on 21-22nd January 2011 at Pramukhswami Medical College, Karamsad. He was selected as Vice-President in Indian Association of PSM-Gujarat Chapter for the year of 2011-12. He was the reviewer of Indian Journal of Sexually Transmitted Diseases and AIDS published from Vadodara, India on 25th March 2011. He is the reviewer of Journal named “Research & Reviews: A Journal of Health Professionals” an International e- journal focused towards the rapid publication of fundamental research paper since year 2011. Member of the Editorial Advisory Board in the National Journal of Community Medicine, an index journal publishing from Surat,

India since year 2010. Acting as an Observer on behalf of Medical Council of India (MCI) from Regional centre for medical education technology, Karamsad to review “Basic Course workshop in Medical Education Technologies” organized at various medical colleges allotted. Executive Committee Member in the Indian Association for Adolescent Health (IAAH), 2013 and representative for Gujarat. An expert group member to participate in a field visit to Korba and Raipur to assist National Certification Committee for Polio Eradication (NCCPE) in assessment of the sensitivity and resilience of the surveillance in Polio in the year 2013.

Dr. Umed Patel - M.B.B.S. (BJMC), M.D. (Preventive and Social Medicine from MPSMC). At present he is working as Associate Professor in PSM Dept. of PDU Govt. Medical College, Rajkot. He has total teaching experience of over 14 years. He has presented more than 10 papers in various national & international conferences. He also has 10 publications in National & International Indexed Journals to his credit. Over the years he has conducted many training courses for medical officers as well as paramedicals. His areas of interest are Teaching, Training, Research, Maternal & Child health, Health Programmes and Health System.

Dr Urvish Joshi is MD in Community Medicine (2008), fellow and scholarship recipient of Johns Hopkins School of Public Health for Global Tobacco Control and Healthcare Communication (2012) and international student with South Florida University for Clinical Epidemiology (2010). He has been an invited panelist/delegate at numerous international/national conferences including 2nd Women Deliver Conference at Washington DC (USA), 18th International Conference on HIV/AIDS, Vienna (Austria) and Global Conference on Tobacco Control, Seattle (USA). Previously he has served as State Consultant of PPTCT (NACP-III) for Gujarat at GSACS along with total teaching experience of 7 years at Shri MP Shah Medical College, Jamnagar, BJ Medical College, Ahmedabad, NHL Municipal Medical College, Ahmedabad and AMC MET Medical College, Ahmedabad respectively. He has got 7 international and 5 national publications to his name thus far and IEC/BCC along with Healthcare Communication, HIV/AIDS, Tobacco Control and Vector-borne diseases are his areas of interest and expertise in public health.