



ISSH

AIM

# Presidential theme 2021



Information  
Education  
Communication

To attempt to change or reinforce a set of behaviors in the community in our sphere of influence about prevention of disability following Hand injury

**I** Information : Acquire data about the burden of Hand injury in our community, current practices & the burden of disability

**E** Education: Share scientific knowledge which would address the issue of disability following Hand Injury

**C** Communication: Disseminate the material through digital media, marketing channels, outreach programs

## KEY to success

- It needs to be a low cost effort.
- Identification of easily implementable concepts:
  - Splinting at the site of accident,
  - Control of blood loss,
  - Transportation to the definitive care facility
  - Washing of the open wounds
  - Early systemic antibiotics
  - Thorough debridement
  - Use of correct suture materials
  - Correct method of splinting
  - Limb elevation
  - Self administered hand therapy protocols
- Identification of red flags:
  - Unrelenting Pain,
  - Oedema, Poor skin condition
- Communication in local language & Signages
- Free distribution of Patient Education Material
- Dialogue with primary care givers – Family Physicians, Surgeons, Hand Therapists

## Sustenance

The effects of IEC need to sustain beyond the target period.

Training of Care givers, emphasizing the need for appropriate splints, Implants & equipment available for the end user.

Tie up with administrative set ups:

Local: NGOs, BDOs, Gram Panchayats, Municipal Bodies

District: District Collector  
State: SHEB

India: CHEB, I & B Ministry  
International: WHO, IFSSH, APFSSH, NGOs

## Feedback:

Community survey; Survey of Primary Healthcare Providers