

Testimonial from Dr. Soumya Padala



My name is Soumya Padala and I am an attending Craniofacial Orthodontist collaborating with teams at Rush Medical University, University of Chicago and Advocate Medical Group in the Chicagoland area. Providing orthodontic care to patients with craniofacial anomalies is extremely challenging due to associated medical conditions. Further, lack of adequate research and consensus amongst providers nationally and globally has led to diverse protocols. It is heartening to observe that the National Dental Practice-Based Research Network is developing a Unique Population Node on Cleft Lip/Palate.

Participating in practice-based research will allow us to pool our data together to assess outcomes and develop evidence-based clinical practice guidelines, thereby significantly improving treatment outcomes. I have joined the Network as a practitioner delivering Cleft and Craniofacial care. I look forward to participating in studies focusing on cleft and craniofacial anomalies that will be done through the National Dental PBRN.

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