

Travis Tate Tollefson, M.D., MPH, FACS

Clinical Interests My clinical interests focus on rhinoplasty, facial aesthetic surgery facelift, brow lift, eyelid and minimally invasive endoscopic surgery, cleft lip and palate surgery, restoring facial deformities found at birth, after trauma, or after Moh's skin cancer surgery, laser skin treatment, Botox™ and injectable fillers e.g., Restylane for treatment of wrinkles.

I am honored to participate as a surgeon with surgical mission teams travelling to Ecuador and China for Operation of Hope formerly Operation Esperanza and Smile China in providing care for children with facial deformities such as cleft lip and palate.

Research Focus

Dr. Tollefson has an interest in studying facial deformities found at birth, such as cleft lip and palate, microtia absent ears, and craniosynostosis. He believes that translational research that links basic science discoveries to clinical use is very important. He has co-authored several articles and two textbook chapters on various topics in facial plastic and reconstructive surgery; including cleft lip and palate, nasal reconstruction, and facial implant materials. His current projects involve optimizing cleft lip and palate outcomes, improving classification of midfacial clefting, and using computer imaging software to study surgery on the chin. He is also involved in a clinical research project studying surgery for improving nasal breathing.

Title Professor
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Specialty Otolaryngology (ENT/Ears, Nose, Throat), Pediatric Otolaryngology

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M.P.H., Clinical Effectiveness, Harvard University School of Public Health, Boston MA 2009-2011
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- Internships** General Surgery, University of Missouri-Kansas City, Kansas City KS 1998-1999
- Residency** Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, University of Kansas School of Medicine, Kansas City KS 1999-2003
- Fellowships** Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, UC Davis Medical Center, Sacramento CA 2003-2004
- Board Certifications** American Board of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, 2007
American Board of Otolaryngology, 2005
- Professional Memberships** American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery
American Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Association
American College of Surgeons - Fellow
AO North America - Craniomaxillofacial
California Society of Facial Plastic Surgery
Sacramento Society of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery
- Honors and Awards** ABO In-training Examination Excellence Award, 2003
Association for Research in Otolaryngology Travel Award, 2002
Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society, 1998
Hazel T. Nelson Academic Scholarship, 1993
Frank Nelson Biology Award, 1992
Baker University Alumni Award, 1992
Blue Key National Honor Society, 1992
Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society, 1990
Baker University Presidential Scholar, 1989
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