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Philosophy of Care

I believe that a thorough understanding of my patients' goals and priorities allows me to provide the best possible care. Together, we can discuss options and decide upon the most appropriate choices. My team's goals are to achieve natural surgical results and to provide the best possible patient care experiences.

Clinical Interests

Dr. Tollefson is Professor and Director of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at the UC Davis, where he specializes in cleft and pediatric craniofacial care, facial reconstruction and facial trauma care. His interest in the emerging field of Global Surgery and improving surgical access in low-resource countries led him to complete an MPH at the Harvard School of Public Health. His current research focuses on clinical outcomes of patients with cleft lip-palate, facial trauma education in Africa, patterns of mandible fracture care and patient reported outcomes in facial paralysis surgeries.

Research/Academic Interests

Dr. Tollefson is the Editor - in Chief of the premiere medical journal, Facial Plastic Surgery & Aesthetic Medicine (formerly JAMA Facial Plastic Surgery). His current research focuses on improving surgical outcomes in children with cleft lip-palate through patient reported outcome measures and comparative effectiveness research. He also enjoys studying facial trauma education in Africa, patterns of mandible fracture care and patient reported outcomes in facial paralysis surgeries. He coedited, Complete Cleft Care, an evidence-based textbook on team management of cleft lip-palate, which summarizes the current support for different treatment protocols.

Title

Director, Division of Facial Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery
Director, AAFPRS UC Davis Fellowship
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Specialty

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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, Lawrence KS 1999-2003
Fellowships	Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, UC Davis, Sacramento CA 2003-2004
Board Certifications	American Board of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery American Board of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery American Board of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery, Complex Pediatric Otolaryngology
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 Medical Association California Society of Facial Plastic Surgery Sacramento Society of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery Sierra Sacramento Valley Medical Society
Honors and Awards	Advanced Leadership Development Program, UC Davis, 2019 The Best Doctors in America, Peer Selected, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 Otolaryngology Faculty Teaching Award, UC Davis, 2013 UC Davis Biomedical Engineering Senior Design Course - Best Senior Design Award "Orbital Prosthesis Blink Mechanism", 2013 AAO-HNS Foundation Certificate of Honor Award, 2012
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