

## NEBRASKA DIRECTOR REPORT TO THE MSO – Fall 2023

For Fall Annual Session MSO Meeting

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### 2023-24 Meeting Dates

- UNMC Grad Ortho Alumni Program – Scheduled for Friday, October 20. Presented by Dr. Dan Bills. “Innovative Orthodontic Solutions: Work Smarter. Live Better.” 5 CE hours. Free for UNMC alumni, \$50 others.
- Omaha Ortho Study Club. Friday, Feb 2, 2024. Shadow Ridge Country Club, Omaha, NE. Presented by GC Orthodontics: Dr. Antonino Secchi
- Nebraska Society of Orthodontists. No meeting date announced yet.

### Legislative Action/Component Activities

- New NSO Director identified: Dr. Sumit Yadav. Bio included below.
- Leadership Development Conference
  - Dr. Po-Jung Chen is registered up to represent NSO.
- Legislative efforts
  - Session begins in January – expected to discuss Medicaid reimbursements again.
- New MCOs for Medicaid – at least 3 separate companies so many orthodontists expected to drop participation due to burden.
- Report from Treasurer
  - Balance as of 10/10/2022
    - checking: \$25, 370
    - savings: \$3,387

Respectfully Submitted,

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Sumit Yadav, BDS, MDS, PhD, MBA, will join the UNMC College of Dentistry as Chair of the Department of Growth and Development and the Henry and Anne Cech Professor of Orthodontics. He will begin his appointment in March.

Dr. Yadav is currently a professor and research director at the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine, Division of Orthodontics, where he has been a faculty member since 2010.

He received his BDS in dental surgery from Manipal University, India, in 2002, his MDS in orthodontics from Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, India, in 2006, his PhD in dental sciences from Indiana University-Purdue University in 2010, and his certificate in orthodontics from the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine in 2013. He received his MBA from the Northwestern Kellogg School of Management in 2022.

Among his many accomplishments, Dr. Yadav received seven awards from the American Association of Orthodontists, including the B. F. Dewel Memorial Research Award for biomedical research (awarded three times), the Anthony A. Gianelly Teaching Fellowship Award, and the Robert M. Ricketts Sunflower Orthodontics Fellowship Award. He also received the Beni Solow Award from the European Journal of Orthodontics in 2021 for the best paper published in the journal. Dr. Yadav is a Diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontics.

His research focuses are examining the molecular pathways that regulate temporomandibular joint osteoarthritis, obesity and tooth loss and personalized devices for orthodontic tooth movement. He is currently funded through National Institute of Health and American Association of Orthodontic Foundation.

Dr. Yadav has published 130 peer-reviewed articles and co-edited a book – “Temporary Anchorage Devices in Orthodontics: Elsevier.” He has received 21 research grants, is the associate editor for “Progress in Orthodontics,” and is a reviewer for 10 other journals. Dr. Yadav has been an invited lecturer both nationally and internationally on many topics.

He has taught both predoctoral and doctoral courses and has mentored many junior faculty, postdoctoral fellows, doctoral candidates, residents, dental students and high school students.

We are thrilled to welcome Dr. Yadav to our UNMC collegiate family. His leadership and experience will help the college continue to advance our educational programs, research and patient care.