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Dr. Suchitra Nelson Named 2016 Crain's Cleveland Health Care Hero

Suchitra Nelson, PhD, Assistant Dean for Clinical and Translational Research and Professor of Community Dentistry, has been named a *Crain's Cleveland Business* 2016 Health Care Hero in the *Advancements in Health Care* category. She is currently developing and leading a study backed by a \$4.6 million grant from the National Institutes of Health that is designed to reduce cavities and improve the oral health of low-income children.

The study will involve nearly 90 Northeast Ohio-area pediatricians who will apply a fluoride varnish to the teeth of nearly 3,700 participating children. The physicians will also deliver core oral health messages to parents and guardians, inclu

To address that concern, he used the Rainbow team as a model to show doctors in Greece how they can coordinate care. By instituting a protocol that would have all doctors meet with patients at the same time and discuss treatment plans, Hans believes they can reduce the number of operations required.

Hans returned home Dec. 7. Though the grant period will have ended, he will conduct a follow-up visit to check in on the program next fall.

[Read more about Dr. Hans.](#)