

**DR. RACHITA CHENGAPPA**

Consultant - Dental Medicine

**Qualification**

BDS | MDS

## Overview

Dr. Rachita Chengappa has carved a distinguished career in the field of Oral Medicine and Radiology, with a solid foundation in general dentistry, amassing 15 years of comprehensive experience. Since 2015, she has specialized in Oral Medicine and Radiology, bringing a wealth of knowledge and expertise to her practice. Currently, she serves as a practising dentist and consultant in Kolkata, a position she has held since 2017. She is the Best Dentist In Broadway. Dr. Chengappa began her professional journey as a dental surgeon at a top dental clinic in Mysore, where she worked from January 2011 to April 2012. Her dedication and skill in the field soon led her to an academic role as a senior lecturer in the Department of Oral Medicine and Radiology at the Coorg Institute of Dental Sciences from August 2015 to January 2017. During her tenure, she also worked as a consultant at the Samadhan Wellness Clinic, associated with the same institute. Dr. Chengappa’s clinical expertise spans both general dentistry and specialized oral medicine. Her proficiency includes restorative dentistry, dental rehabilitation, extractions, and oral prophylaxis. She is adept at managing dental emergencies and

diagnosing and treating orofacial pain and temporomandibular joint disorders. A significant part of her speciality involves diagnosing and managing lesions associated with tobacco use and aiding in tobacco cessation. Her skills also cover the diagnosis and management of immune-mediated oral lesions, such as oral ulceration, and non-surgical management of salivary gland disorders. In the realm of maxillofacial radiology, Dr. Chengappa is proficient in interpreting conventional images, CT scans, and cone-beam computed tomography (CBCT). Her contributions to the field have been recognized with awards and honours, including the Best Paper Award at the IAOMR National Conference in 2013, held in Lucknow. Dr. Chengappa's research contributions are extensive and impactful. She has authored several original research papers, including a radiographic cross-sectional study on cephalometric characteristics of patients with temporomandibular joint disorders, published in the Journal of the Indian Academy of Oral Medicine and Radiology in 2013. She also led a clinical study on primary antibiotic susceptibility against streptococci in odontogenic infections, published in the International Journal of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Drug Research in 2015. Another significant study she contributed to compared taste thresholds in smokers and non-smokers, was published in the Journal of Clinical Diagnostic Research in 2016, which is indexed on PubMed. Furthermore, she explored methodologies for assessing oral dryness in postmenopausal women, with her findings published in the Journal of Midlife Health in 2016, also indexed on PubMed. In addition to original research, Dr. Chengappa has authored notable case reports. Her work on Schulze and Brand type a-IV dens invaginatus with a radicular cyst was published in the Journal of the Indian Academy of Oral Medicine and Radiology in 2015. She also co-authored a case report on a non-healing ulcer of the tongue, published in the Coorg Dental Times in December 2016. Dr. Chengappa's academic qualifications are robust, having earned her Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) degree in 2010 and her Master of Dental Surgery (MDS) in Oral Medicine and Radiology

in 2015, both from the Coorg Institute of Dental Sciences in Karnataka. Throughout her career, Dr. Chengappa has demonstrated a commitment to excellence in both her clinical practice and academic endeavours, contributing significantly to the fields of Oral Medicine and Radiology. Her work not only showcases her technical expertise but also her dedication to advancing dental science and improving patient care.

### Languages Spoken

- English
- Bengali
- Hindi
- Kannada

### Awards & Achievements

- Awarded best paper at IAOMR national conference held in 2013 at Lucknow.

### Talks & Publications

- ORIGINAL RESEARCH :
- Cephalometric characteristics of patients with temporomandibular joint disorders: A radiographic cross-sectional study. J Indian Acad Oral Med Radiol, 2013; 25(4) : 268- 273. ( 5th author )
- Primary Antibiotic Susceptibility against Streptococci in Odontogenic Infections – A Clinical Study. Int. J. Pharm. Sci. Drug Res 2015; 7(6): 474 – 477. ( 1st author )
- Comparison of Taste Threshold in Smokers and Non-Smokers Using Electrogustometry

- and Fungiform Papillae Count: A Case-Control Study. J Clin Diagn Res. 2016 May;10(5): ZC101–ZC105. ( 4th author ) PubMed indexed.
- Utility of two methodologies in the clinical assessment of oral dryness in postmenopausal women. J Midlife Health. 2016 ; 7(3) : 114-118. ( 1st author ) Pubmed indexed.
- CASE REPORTS :
- Schulze and Brand type a-IV dens invaginatus with radicular cyst: A rare case report. J Indian Acad Oral Med Radiol 2015;27:245-8. (1st author).
- Non-healing ulcer of the tongue: Case report and review. Coorg Dental Times, December 2016. ( 4th author)