

Dr. Yashashri Urankar is a dentist with over 25 + years of experience in clinical, academic and administrative field in the areas of Pediatric and Public Health Dentistry. Dr. Urankar has a combination of training and experience from India and the United States. She graduated dental school in 1991 and a General Practice Residency program in 1992. After graduating, Dr. Urankar worked as a faculty/faculty dentist at two renowned dental schools/universities in India. She was an associate dentist at a private practice from 1998-2006. In 2006, Dr. Urankar completed a program in pediatric dentistry from the UCLA, School of Dentistry, Los Angeles CA. Due to her interest in research and academics, she worked towards getting an MPH in Medical Epidemiology & Biostatistics in 2010 from the Loma Linda University, CA. In 2011, Dr. Urankar was accepted for a Dental Public Health Residency program at Texas A&M Health Science Center, Baylor College of Dentistry where she also served as an assistant clinical professor, in the department of public health sciences until 2014. Simultaneously, she completed a certificate program in education of healthcare professionals in 2014 at Baylor College of Dentistry. Currently Dr. Urankar is the Chief Dental Officer at Community Health Centers of South-Central TX, since last 8 years. While serving as the Director, Dr. Urankar is also an Adjunct Faculty at A.T. Still University, Arizona School of Dentistry and Oral Health and University of Texas Health, School of Dentistry, San Antonio. She is on the Dental Public Health Residency Committee at UT, She also serves on the Practice Management committee of NNOHA and on the Practice Council at AAPHD. She is the Board of Directors at Texas Oral Health Coalition. Under Dr. Urankar's leadership, the Oral Health Program at Community Health Centers of South-Central Texas received the John Rossetti's 'Center for Excellence' Award in 2019. The National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC) recognized Dr. Urankar for developing best practices during the Pandemic. Also DentaQuest honored her with the 'Health Equity Hero' Award for the year 2021.