



Speaker Biographies



Meredith Albert, PhD
Pediatric Psychologist
Shriners Hospitals for Children, Chicago
Assistant Clinical Professor
University of Illinois at Chicago

Dr. Meredith Albert is a licensed clinical psychologist with the Cleft/Craniofacial team located at Shriners Children's Chicago in Chicago, Illinois, and an assistant clinical professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Dr. Albert's clinical training and professional experience includes treating patients in the areas of cleft/craniofacial care, pediatric psychology, trauma, rehabilitation, and neuropsychological assessment. She also works on several multisite studies with colleagues from across the country to better understand and improve the functioning of patients diagnosed with craniofacial conditions.

Dr. Albert has been an active member of the American Cleft Palate Craniofacial Association (ACPA) and serves on several different committees, including the 2021 Nominating Committee and the 2022 Program Task Force. She is also current chair of ACPA's Mental Health/Psychosocial Special Interest Group, a peer reviewer for the Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Journal, and was awarded CPCJ Peer Reviewer of the Year in 2020. Additionally, Dr. Albert is chair of the Craniofacial Special Interest Group of Division 54 of the American Psychological Association.



Canice E. Crerand, PhD
Clinical Psychologist
Nationwide Children's Hospital
Assistant Professor
The Ohio State University College of Medicine

Canice E. Crerand, PhD, is a Principal Investigator in The Center for Biobehavioral Health, The Abigail Wexner Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital and an Assistant Professor in the Departments of Pediatrics and Plastic Surgery at The Ohio State University College of Medicine.

As a clinical psychologist, she works with the Cleft Lip and Palate Center and the Center for Complex Craniofacial Disorders at Nationwide Children's Hospital providing psychological assessment and treatment of patients with cleft lip and palate and other craniofacial conditions. Her clinical and research interests focus on psychosocial adjustment and body image in children and adolescents with acquired and congenital medical conditions including craniofacial conditions.