

Dr. K S Nagesh

BDS, MDS

Oral Medicine | Radiology | Medical Education | Bioethics



Professional Summary

K. S. Nagesh is a highly respected academician, clinician, and public health leader with over five decades of distinguished contributions spanning oral medicine, radiology, public health dentistry, medical education, and bioethics. His extensive experience in ethical governance, institutional leadership, and community health programs has played a pivotal role in strengthening patient safety, regulatory compliance, and adherence to national and international research standards. He is widely recognized for integrating clinical excellence with public health impact and ethical oversight, both in India and globally.

Educational & Academic Background

- Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS), 1969 – Bangalore University
- Master of Dental Surgery (MDS) in Oral Medicine & Radiology, 1975 – Bangalore University
- Awarded Venson's Gold Medal for securing the highest rank in BDS, reflecting exceptional academic distinction

Experience & Leadership

- Chairman, Ethics Committee for Human Subjects – National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences
- Director – Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Public Health & Centre for Disease Control
- Principal; Professor & Head, Department of Oral Medicine & Radiology – RV Dental College & Hospital
- President – Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiologists of India
- Regional Director – International College of Dento-maxillo-facial Radiology
- Elected Member (Twice) – Dental Council of India (served 13 years)

Global Academic Engagement

Dr. Nagesh has been invited for his guidance at leading international institutions and global forums

- World Health Organization Headquarters, Geneva
- Harvard School of Dental Medicine
- Stanford University
- Arizona State University
- University of Louisville
- Showa University
- Peking University
- University of Sydney
- World Workshop on Oral Medicine, USA

Contributions to Public Health & Social Impact

- Led large-scale oral health programs under Rashtreeya Sikshana Samithi Trust
- Conducted 900+ dental health camps across multiple Indian states including Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, and Himachal Pradesh
- Delivered free treatment to over 2,88,000 patients, significantly improving healthcare access in underserved communities
- Long-standing advocate for health equity and human rights at both national and international levels

Academic & Ethical Contributions

- Extensive leadership in institutional ethics committees and human subject research governance
- Key contributor to policy development and ethical frameworks in healthcare and biomedical research
- Recognized authority in bioethics, regulatory compliance, and clinical research standards

Innovation Excellence

- **Expert in Human Ethics Committees:** Former Chairman at a premier national institute with deep expertise in ethical review systems
- **Public Health & Community Research:** Proven experience in large-scale population health initiatives and ethical program execution
- **Medical Education Leadership:** Strong governance capabilities in academic institutions and regulatory bodies
- **Global Health Perspective:** International exposure enabling alignment with global ethical and healthcare standards
- **Awards & Recognitions**
- **Doctor of Science (Honoris Causa)** – Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences
- **Karnataka Rajyotsava Award (Medicine)** – Government of Karnataka
- **Fellow** – Indian Society for Dental Research
- Recognized as Indian Ambassador for ORPHEUS (Organization for PhD Education in Biomedicine and Health Sciences in the European System)

Transformational Significance

- Dr. K. S. Nagesh's career represents a rare synthesis of clinical excellence, public health leadership, and ethical governance. His contributions have not only shaped oral healthcare delivery and medical education but have also strengthened ethical standards in human research and institutional frameworks.
- Through decades of service, he has consistently advanced the principles of accessible healthcare, responsible research, and global health advocacy, leaving a lasting impact on both professional institutions and community well-being.