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Dr. Hamdan is President and Co-Founder of Global Smile Foundation, a 501C3 Boston-based non-profit foundation that provides comprehensive and integrated pro bono cleft care for underserved patients throughout the world. He has been involved with outreach cleft programs for the past 38 years. Dr. Hamdan is an Otolaryngologist/Facial Plastic Surgeon with former university appointments at Harvard Medical School, Tufts University School of Medicine and Boston University School of Medicine. He is a well-published and respected international lecturer.

He is the Founder of the *International Comprehensive Cleft Care Workshop* (www.cleftworkshop.org) based on his special interests in simulation-based cleft training. He strives to provide empowerment & sustainability initiatives in comprehensive cleft care as well as quality assurance strategies.

For his philanthropic service to the people of Ecuador, he was awarded the Knighthood, “Al Merito Atahualpa” En El Grado De Caballero, by the President of Ecuador in March 2005 and the “Medal of Honor” from the Ecuadorian Congressional Assembly in September 2017. He received an Award by the Andean Parliament on 19 March 2024 in recognition of his 37 years of humanitarian work in the Andean Region. He also received recognition awards from the First Lady of El Salvador and the Mayor of San Salvador in January 2025 for 20 years of humanitarian services in the country.

He received Honorary Professorship at Universidad de Especialidades Espíritu Santo, School of Medicine, in Ecuador on 05 March, 2015 for his contributions in the field of Cleft Lip and Palate. He has also received various other national and international fellowships and awards in El Salvador, Peru, the City of Boston and the “Paul Harris Fellowship” from the Rotary Foundation in 2003.