

## Dr. Elise Sarvas Bio

Dr. Elise Watson Sarvas is a clinical associate professor in the Division of Pediatric Dentistry. She currently serves as the pre-doctoral program director and teaches pre-doctoral dental students, dental therapy students, dental hygiene students, and pediatric dental residents at the University of Minnesota. She maintains hospital privileges at the **M Health Fairview University of Minnesota Masonic Children's Hospital** where she provides pediatric dental and oral health care services to infants, children, and adolescents with complex medical conditions. She also serves as an attending dentist in the operating room, for the pediatric dental consult service, and for the pediatric dental after-hours emergency call.



Dr. Sarvas serves as the **Minnesota Public Policy Advocate** for the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry and Minnesota Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. She is also proud to be on the executive committee for the **College of Diplomates of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry**, the national organization for all board-certified pediatric dentists. She is a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics' **Section on Oral Health** and a pediatric dental advisor to local, national, and international organizations focusing on public health and maternal and child health. Dr. Sarvas is passionate about advocating for social justice reform through a Health-in-All-Policies approach as a means to achieve health equity.

In her spare time, she enjoys podcasts, supervised neglect of her garden, marathons of the TV show variety, and traveling with her husband.