

Dr. Ivana Marinac



Ivana Marinac is a motivational speaker, otorhinolaryngologist, and a hard-of-hearing fighter. She values patience, persistence, and perseverance as life principles. With a craniofacial condition called Treacher Collins syndrome, Ivana gained a unique perspective on the world, shaped by hearing loss. She uses real-world examples to shed light on the misunderstandings surrounding the hard-of-hearing life, positively impacting parents and children

growing up with invisible disabilities. Growing up in Zagreb, the capital city of Croatia, Ivana learned the value of perseverance from an early age. Until the age of 4, she had no amplification, but then received her first hearing aid, leading her to graduate from the Medical School of Zagreb as a medical doctor. Inspired by her everlasting communication challenges, she pursued a residency in otorhinolaryngology, followed by a fellowship in otoneurology. In her busy life filled with challenges, Ivana humbly serves her patients, applying the essence of the solidarity principle to provide professional and human help.