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**Mary O’Gara, MA, CCC-SLP**, is a nationally known lecturer and instructor, and director of the cleft lip and palate and plastic surgery services at Shriners Hospitals for Children, Chicago. O’Gara is also an associate professor at Northwestern University Medical School Department of Plastic Surgery. She serves as a graduate instructor in the Northwestern University Speech Language Pathology master’s program, teaching about craniofacial anomalies, including cleft palate. O’Gara is the off-campus supervisor for clinicians in the NU Speech and Language master’s program. She is an ASHA member and a member of the American Cleft Palate–Craniofacial Association, where she has served on various national boards for more than 35 years. O’Gara is a past president of the Illinois Association of Craniofacial Teams and was recognized by the organization for “years of service provided in the state of Illinois to improve the quality of lives of children born with craniofacial differences.” O’Gara is a frequent presenter at national conferences and Chicago-area schools and health organizations. She has conducted and participated in numerous research studies in the care and outcomes of children with cleft and craniofacial conditions. After studying Spanish in her undergraduate work at Loyola University, O’Gara is also certified to teach Spanish and bilingual education.

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- Member of ASHA and of ACPA (American Cleft Palate–Craniofacial Association)
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*Cleft Palate Speech: What Do I Hear? What Do I Do?*

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