



**VALERIE J PEREIRA**  
Curriculum Vitae

## PERSONAL & PROFESSIONAL DATA

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 Hong Kong Institute of Speech Therapists HKIST: ST00174  
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 Health Professionals Council HCPC, UK: SL02741  
 Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists RCSLT, UK: RC00113076  
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## EDUCATION

PhD in Child Health (Impact of Maxillary Advancement on Speech, Nasality and Velopharyngeal Function), UCL Institute of Child Health, London UK, 2012  
 MSc in Speech and Language Pathology and Therapy, University College London UCL, UK, 1993-1995 (Awarded full scholarship by KK Women's & Children's Hospital, Singapore)  
 B Soc Sc (Hons) in Psychology, National University of Singapore NUS, Singapore, 1992-1993  
 B A in Psychology and Language, National University of Singapore NUS, Singapore, 1989-1992

## CURRENT PROFESSIONAL & HONORARY APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor & Deputy Chief of Division, Clinical Director of Master of Speech Therapy program, Program Director of Professional Diploma in Communication Disorders and Sciences, Department of Otorhinolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery, Faculty of Medicine, CUHK, Sep 2024- present

Honorary Assistant Professor (Speech Therapist, Cleft & Nasendoscopy Clinics, Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Faculty of Dentistry, HKU (CUHK Approved Outside Academic Appointment, OAA) Mar 2013- present

Honorary Speech Therapist (HA-NTEC), Hospital Authority New Territories East Cluster, Aug 2021 – present

Honorary Speech Therapist, Chinese University Medical Centre, 2021- present

## CURRENT GRANTS

PI, GRF General Research Fund, HK University Grants Committee (2025 Round) (2026-2028)  
 A FOCUS on Communicative Participation in Cantonese-speaking Children and Adolescents with Speech Sound and/or Language Disorder(s): A Fundamental Internal and Distal Outcome of Intervention, HK\$828,049

PI, HMRF Health and Medical Research Fund, HK Government Health Bureau (2022-2026)  
 Construction and Validation of a Comprehensive Perceptual Assessment of Cleft Palate Speech-Cantonese (PACS-C) for the Evaluation of Speech and Velopharyngeal Function in Cantonese-speaking Children, HK\$910,760.

Co-I, HMRF Health and Medical Research Fund, HK Government Health Bureau (2024-2027)  
 Evaluation of a Newly Developed Screening Tool in Identifying Preschoolers with Language Difficulties: Accuracy and Availability, HK\$868,400.

Co-I, HMRF Health and Medical Research Fund, HK Government Health Bureau (2024-2027)  
 The Cut-off Score and Diagnostic Accuracy of the Smoothed Cepstral Peak Prominence (CPPS) for Cantonese Speakers with Dysphonia, HK\$491,488.

PI, KPF Knowledge Transfer Project Fund (CUHK) (2025-2026)

Extending the CUHK Multilingual Vocabulary E-Platform: Enhancing Learning Cantonese as an Additional Language and Maintaining Home (Heritage) Language 擴展針對詞彙獲得的多語言數碼資源：保持學習家庭的主要語言，同時促進學習香港粵語作為附加語言, HK\$397, 000.

PI, Courseware Development Fund Scheme (2022-2026)

Development of E-Learning Resources for the Student Clinician in Speech-Language Pathology. A Focus on Indirect Language Simulation Techniques in pre-school Children, HK\$99, 970.

#### PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLE PUBLICATIONS (LAST 5 YEARS)

Alighieri, C., Bettens, K., Mouton, T., De Pauw, G., Hens, G., **Pereira, V.**, & Van Lierde, K. (2025). From Clinic to Real Life: Speech-Language Therapists' Perspectives on Extratherapy Generalization in Children With Cleft Palate, *American Journal of Speech-Language Pathology*, 34(5), 2813-2826. [https://doi.org/10.1044/2025\\_AJSLP-25-00139](https://doi.org/10.1044/2025_AJSLP-25-00139)

Chan, V. W. K., Cheng, E. C. H., Yu, W. S., Cheung, N. Y. L., Lee, K. Y., & **Pereira, V. J.** (2025). Hong Kong and Macao Speech-Language Pathologists' Experiences in the Clinical Practice of Cleft Palate Speech/Velopharyngeal Dysfunction. *The Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Journal*, 10556656251406575. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1177/10556656251406575>

Cheung, N. Y. L., Yu, W. S., Cheng, E. C. H., Chan, V. W. K., Lee, K. Y., & **Pereira, V. J.** (2025). The Effect of Lexical Tone and Sex on Nasalance in Cantonese-Speakers. *The Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Journal*, 10556656251390301. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1177/10556656251390301>

Alighieri, C., Allemeersch, F., Meerschman, I., **Pereira, V.**, Hens G., D'haeseleer, E. (2025). VENTIMASK: The effect of semi-occluded vocal tract exercises with a ventilation mask in adults with inconsistent velopharyngeal dysfunction due to cleft palate. *Perspectives of the ASHA Special Interest Groups*.

Alighieri, C., Vandewiele, F., & **Pereira, V.** (2025). What works for whom? A systematic review on personalized speech intervention in children and adolescents with a cleft palate. *International Journal of Pediatric Otorhinolaryngology*, 194, 112401. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijporl.2025.112401>

Alighieri, C., De Coster, C., Bettens, K., & **Pereira, V.** (2025). Does generalization occur following speech therapy? A Study in Children with a Cleft Palate. *Journal of Speech, Language, and Hearing Research*, 68(1), 91–104. [https://doi.org/10.1044/2024\\_JSLHR-24-00292](https://doi.org/10.1044/2024_JSLHR-24-00292)

She, J. H., Ching, E. S., Yu, W. S., Lee, K. Y., Tong, M. C., & **Pereira, V. J.** (2024). Cross-Linguistic Nasalance Comparisons: A Review of Speech Sample Sets and Preliminary Consideration of Effect of Lexical Tone. *Folia Phoniatrica et Logopaedica*, 1–21. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1159/000541513>

**Pereira, V. J.**, Ching, E. S., She, J. H., Yu, W. S., Lau, K., Tong, M. C., & Lee, K. Y. (2024). Effect of Age and Gender on Nasalance Across the Lifespan: A Systematic Review. *The Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Journal*. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1177/10556656241276675>

Subramaniyan, B., Sell, D., **Pereira, V.**, Sweeney, T., Nagarajan, R., Bostock, E., Young, S., Goldschmied, K., Prathaneer B., Jayathilake, M. Takei, Y., Jahan, N., & Yu, V. (2024). Profiling the roles and responsibilities of professionals and non-professionals providing Speech and Language services for individuals with CLP in resource-limited regions. *The Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Journal*, Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1177/10556656241271640>

**Pereira, V. J.**, & Sell, D. (2023). How differences in anatomy and physiology and other aetiology affect the way we label and describe speech in individuals with cleft lip and palate. *International Journal of Language & Communication Disorders*, 2024;59(6):2181-2196. doi:10.1111/1460-6984.12946

**Pereira, V. J.**, So, J. Y. T., Tsang, J. M. K., Choi, W. S., Tong, M. C. F., & Lee, K. Y. S. (2022). Speech telepractice and treatment intensity in a Cantonese-speaking case with 22q11.2 Deletion Syndrome following late diagnosis and

management of velopharyngeal dysfunction. *The Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Journal*, 10556656221106042. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1177/10556656221106042>

**Pereira, V.**, Tuomainen, J., Lee, K.Y-S., Tong, M.C-F., & Sell, D. (2021). A perceptual outcome measure of velopharyngeal function based on the Cleft Audit Protocol for Speech-Augmented (the VPC-Sum CAPS-A): Validation through a speech osteotomy study. *International Journal of Language and Communication Disorders*, 56: 754-767. <https://doi.org/10.1111/1460-6984.12625>

Tsang, J.M.K., Yu, W.S., Tuomainen, J., Sell, D., Lee, K.Y.S., Tong, M.C.F., **Pereira, V.** (2021). The impact of maxillary osteotomy on fricatives in Cleft Lip and Palate: A perceptual speech and acoustic study. *Folia Phoniatrica et Logopaedica*, 4(4), 271-283. <https://doi.org/10.1159/000520080>

Ho, C.H.Y., Yu, W.S., Tuomainen, J., Sell, D., Lee, K.Y-S., Tong, M.C-F., & **Pereira, V.** (2021). Are vowels normalized after maxillary osteotomy? An acoustic study. *Journal of Craniofacial Surgery*, 32(7): 2456-2461. <https://doi.org/10.1097/scs.0000000000007650>

**Pereira, V.** Tuomainen, J., Hay, N., Mars, M, Suchak, A. & Sell, D. (2020). Effect of maxillary osteotomy on speech in Cleft Lip & Palate: Instrumental outcomes of velopharyngeal function. *Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Journal*, 57(11): 1320-1331. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1055665620947626>

**Pereira, V.** Tuomainen, J., Hay, N., Mars, M, Suchak, A. & Sell, D. (2020). Identifying predictors of acquired velopharyngeal insufficiency in cleft lip and palate following maxillary osteotomy using multiple regression. *Journal of Craniofacial Surgery*, 31(8): 2260-2666. <https://doi.org/10.1097/scs.0000000000006775>

#### REFEREED BOOK CHAPTERS (LAST 5 YEARS)

**Pereira, V.** (2025). Clinical research. In D. Ruscello and L. Vallino (Eds). *Cleft Palate Speech Intervention Across the Lifespan* (p.283-304). Plural Publishing, Inc. San Diego.

Subramaniyan, S., Sell, D., Sweeney, T., **Pereira, V.** (2023). Cleft lip and palate: an overview with a particular emphasis on communication issues in resource limited regions. In P. Grunwell and S. Levey (Eds.). *The Unserved: Addressing the Needs of Those with Communication Disorders* (p.84-95). J&R Press.

Sell, D. & **Pereira, V.** (2022). Measuring speech outcomes. In U. Hamdan, B. Sommerlad, C. Rogers-Vizena, R. Vyas, & D. Low (Eds.). *Interdisciplinary Cleft care: Global perspectives* (p.531-546). Plural Publishing Inc.

Sell, D., **Pereira, V.**, Wren, Y. & Russell, J. (2021). Speech disorders related to Cleft Lip & Palate & velopharyngeal dysfunction. In J. Damico, N. Muller & M. Ball (Eds.). *Handbook of language and speech disorders* (p.468-494). (2nd edition). Wiley-Blackwell.

#### INVITED PRESENTATIONS/ LECTURES (LAST 5 YEARS)

**Pereira, V.** A Framework for the Holistic Assessment of Speech Outcomes in CP±L/VPD, 15<sup>th</sup> International Congress on Cleft Lip/Palate and Related Craniofacial Anomalies, 20-24 October 2025, Kyoto Japan

**Pereira, V.**, Young, S., Klinto, K., & Vallino, L. Cleft Palate and Craniofacial Conditions committee Session, 33<sup>rd</sup> World Congress of the IALP International Association of Communication Sciences and Disorders, 24-28 August 2025, Malta

**Pereira, V.** Perceptual Evaluation of Cleft Palate Speech and Velopharyngeal Dysfunction: Current Trends and Perspectives, 16th World Congress of the International Cleft Lip and Palate Foundation, 17-19 2024, Tokyo Japan

**Pereira, V.** Predictors of Acquired Velopharyngeal Insufficiency following Maxillary Advancement Surgery in Cleft Lip and Palate, The European Cleft Palate and Craniofacial Association Congress, 25-28 June 2024, Milan Italy

**Pereira, V.** Towards International Standardization of Terminology and Classification of Cleft Palate Speech/ Velopharyngeal Dysfunction, Asia Pacific Society of Speech, Language and Hearing, Webinar, Nov 2023, HK

**Pereira, V.,** Bow, M., & Takei, Y. Evidence-based Intervention in Cleft Palate/ Velopharyngeal Dysfunction, 32<sup>nd</sup> World Congress of the IALP, Standing Committee Session, Cleft Palate and Craniofacial Committee [Chair of the committee], 21 Aug 2023, Auckland NZ

**Pereira, V.** Use of the Terminology Framework for Child Language Disorders Across Settings: A Programme's Experience, HICAST Webinar, 13 Mar 2023, HK [Online]

**Pereira, V.** Nasometry and Cleft Palate Speech, 5<sup>th</sup> Comprehensive Cleft Care Workshop, 11-14 October 2022, Rio de Janeiro [Online]

Subramaniam, S., Sell, D., **Pereira, V.**, Goldschmied, K. et al. Profiling the Roles and Responsibilities of Different Types of Providers of Speech and Language Therapy Services for Individuals with CLP in Different Global Contexts, 14th International Congress of Cleft Lip and Palate & Craniofacial Anomalies [Global Speech Task Force], 11-15 Jul 2022, Edinburgh UK

**Pereira, V.** Hypernasality: The Case for Ordinal Rating Scales (ORS) and Visual Analog Scales (VAS). [Conference session]. 14th International Congress of Cleft Lip and Palate & Craniofacial Anomalies, [Co-Chair of Invited Panel Session], 11-15 Jul 2022, Edinburgh UK

**Pereira, V.** Treatment of Speech Sound Disorders in Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders, Autism Partnership, 10 Mar 2022, HK

**Pereira, V.** Cleft Palate Speech and Velopharyngeal Insufficiency, Hong Kong Association of Speech Therapists-Speech Therapy Expert Seminar Series, Mar 2022, HK

**Pereira, V.** Cleft Palate Speech, Macau Association of Speech Therapists, May 2022, HK [Online]

**Pereira, V.** & Yip, R., Language Disorders, Macau Government, 30 Oct & 13 Nov 2021, HK [Online]

**Pereira, V.** Nasometry, 4<sup>th</sup> Comprehensive Cleft Care Workshop, 6-8 Oct 2021, Istanbul Turkey [Online]

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Consultant, Cleft Palate and Craniofacial Conditions Committee, IALP dba International Association of Communication Sciences and Disorders, Aug 2025-2028

Chair & Board member, Cleft Palate and Craniofacial Conditions Committee, IALP dba International Association of Communication Sciences and Disorders, Jul 2019- Aug 2025

IALP Representative, Transforming Faces (TF)-IALP Speech Mentorship Program, 2022-present

Advisory Board, Zubin Foundation, Special Educational Needs Centre, Hong Kong (2022-present)

Section Editor, Cleft Palate Craniofacial Journal (2026 Jan-present)

Journal Reviewer, Cleft Palate Craniofacial Journal, International Journal of Language and Communication Disorders, Journal of Speech Hearing and Language Research, Journal of Applied Science

Education Committee, Asia Pacific Society of Speech, Language and Hearing, 2023-2024

External Examiner, National University of Singapore, Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, The Division of Graduate Medical Studies, Master of Science in Speech and Language Pathology Programme, 2014, 2016, 2018, 2020, 2025

Member, Global Cleft Speech Task Force Committee, International Confederation for CLP & Related Craniofacial Anomalies ([www.iccpca.org](http://www.iccpca.org)), 2022

Poster Adjudicator, The Joint Annual Scientific Meeting of the Hong Kong Paediatric Society, Sept 2019, 2022, 2026

#### **OVERSEAS VOLUNTARY SERVICE IN CLEFT**

His Foundation - L'Hopital Barthimée Medical Service, Senegal (June 2026, 1 week)  
Speech Consultant for Transforming Cleft (Canadian Cleft Care Charity), Chiang Rai Thailand (May 2025, 1 week)  
Qingdao Women's and Children's Hospital (including Cleft Service), China (8-11 April 2019)  
Cleft Lip and Palate Congress organized by Fundacion Sonrie Conmingo, Caracas, Venezuela (Apr 3-5 days)  
Operation Smile China Medical Missions, Dujiangyan, China (Nov 2013, 1 week)  
The Sri Lankan Cleft Lip and Palate Project, Sri Lanka (Feb 2009, 2 weeks)  
African Medical and Research Foundation (AMREF) and SMILE Train, Uganda (May 2008, 2 weeks)

#### **CLEFT-SPECIFIC TEACHING, ST PROGRAMMES IN HK**

Course Instructor, SLPA5208 Craniofacial Anomalies, Master of Speech Therapy programme, CUHK  
Guest Lecturer, Cleft Palate Speech/ VPI, Polytechnic University of Hong Kong, Master of Speech Therapy Programme, Faculty of Humanities, Department of Chinese and Bilingual Studies, 2017-current, annually  
Guest Lecturer, Cleft Palate Speech/ VPI, University of Hong Kong, Division of Speech and Hearing Sciences, 2016, 2019-current, annually  
Guest Lecturer, Cleft Palate Speech/ VPI, Education University of Hong Kong, Faculty of Education and Human Development, Department of Special Education and Counselling, Master of Science in Educational Speech-Language Pathology and Learning Disabilities Programme, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2025

#### **CLEFT CONFERENCE/CONGRESS FACULTY**

Faculty, 8<sup>th</sup> International Comprehensive Cleft Care Workshop, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 12-15 October 2027  
International Advisory Committee, 15<sup>th</sup> International Congress on Cleft Lip/Palate and Related Craniofacial Anomalies, Kyoto, 20-24 October 2025  
Organizing Committee, 9<sup>th</sup> World Chinese Otorhinolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery Conference, Hong Kong, 28–30 November 2025  
International Faculty, 5<sup>th</sup> Comprehensive Cleft Care Workshop, Rio de Janeiro, 11-14 October 2022  
International Advisor, 14<sup>th</sup> International Cleft Congress 2022, Edinburgh, 11-15 July 2022  
International Faculty, 4<sup>th</sup> Comprehensive Cleft Care Workshop, Istanbul Turkey, 6-8 Oct 2021