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As a general dentist and computer scientist, Dr. Acharya chose to pursue a doctoral degree in biomedical informatics. In his current role as a Dental Informatics Scientist at the Marshfield Clinic Research Foundation, his research focus is in EHR architecture, clinical datasets, information and terminology models and clinical decision support.

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