

Andrea Moreira, MD, is an Associate Professor in the Department of Plastic Surgery within the School of Medicine at the University of Pittsburgh and serves as the Director of Innovations for the Breast Reconstruction Services at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Centers (UPMC). With a distinguished academic career, Dr. Moreira possesses a multifaceted background in plastic surgery research, marked by significant contributions to various critical areas of the field.

Throughout her academic journey, leadership has been a defining characteristic of Dr. Moreira. Spearheading numerous research protocols, she has expanded our understanding of Plastic Surgery and led to practical applications in patient care. This leadership extends to comprehensive administration, including staffing, research protections and budget management, resulting in multiple peer-reviewed publications.

Dr. Moreira has made important contributions to science in many fields of plastic surgery, such as craniofacial surgery, tissue engineering and breast reconstruction. Her expertise particularly shines in breast reconstruction, where she has led extensive clinical outcomes research, addressing various aspects of patient care and surgical techniques.

Moreover, Dr. Moreira is an innovator with a major interest in breast sensory recovery after breast reconstruction and robotic-assisted plastic surgery. She is the chair for the Robotic Surgery Subcommittee at the American Society of Plastic Surgeons, a branch of the TIDE (Technology, Innovation, Disruption and Entrepreneurship) Committee.

Beyond academic pursuits, Dr. Moreira is actively engaged in humanitarian efforts, serving vulnerable populations worldwide through organizations like SHARE, ReSurge, Rotaplast and Projeto Saude Solidaria. Notably, she established a breast reconstruction program in underserved areas of Valparaiso, Chile, demonstrating a commitment to global health equity.

With over 50 peer-reviewed publications, book chapters, and extensive presentation experience, Dr. Moreira is a recognized authority in plastic surgery research. She is an active member of many plastic surgery societies. Furthermore, service on editorial boards for peer-reviewed journals underscores Dr. Moreira's dedication to advancing the field.

In summary, Dr. Moreira combines academic excellence, leadership and a humanitarian spirit to make enduring contributions to plastic surgery research and global healthcare initiatives.