

**Cristiane M. Ueno, MD, FACS, MBA** was born and raised in Brazil. She went to Medical School at University of Sao Paulo where she completed her training in general surgery and plastic surgery. She left her private practice in Brazil to participate in research with Dr. Stephen Matthes and join the Wound Healing Lab at UCSF. After deciding to stay in the US, she completed her preliminary general surgery years at University of Texas Health Sciences Center San Antonio (UTHSCA) before moving to Indiana University where she completed her general surgery and subsequently plastic surgery residency. She is an Associate Professor of Surgery at Indiana University, Division of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery. With over two decades of medical expertise, her clinical and academic career spans across various clinical practices, including private practice in Brazil, rural practice at West Virginia University, group medical practice at Kaiser Permanente Washington and back to university practice at The Ohio State University before returning to Indiana University where she graduated from her residency.

Dr. Ueno's extensive training includes an Executive MBA from Fisher College of Business, and dual certifications in both the U.S. and Brazil. Her leadership roles encompass Chief of Plastic Surgery Service line at Kaiser Permanente Washington, Associate Program Director for OSU's Plastic Surgery residency, Vice-Chair of Healthcare Delivery Subcommittee at ASPS and Chair of the Social Media Committee for ACEPS; besides local and regional leadership roles.

Dr Ueno is now one of the Latino Plastic Surgeons with leadership roles and is an inspiration for medical students and residents that seek plastic surgery as a career and a passion. She is also interested in global health, participating in local outreach and international initiatives to help with more equalitarian care, not only in the US but abroad. She has been recognized with numerous honors, including the Humanism in Medicine Award, Women in Medicine and Science Emerging Leader, Dr. Clotilde Bowen Women of Excellence Award, and Castle Connolly's Top Hispanic/Latino and AAPI Doctor awards for consecutive years.

Dr. Ueno's commitment extends beyond academia, advocating for public health awareness and serving underprivileged communities through mission trips and initiatives like the Breast Reconstruction Awareness (BRA) Fund. Her dedication reflects her ethos: fostering innovation, inclusivity, and compassionate care in surgery and beyond.