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Dr. Vyas's research reflects a passion for innovation, with over 85 peer-reviewed publications that bridge clinical surgery, global health and engineering, reflecting his belief that the best solutions come from thinking creatively and collaboratively. He leads basic science investigations in the animal laboratory and prospective clinical studies aimed at understanding and improving psychosocial outcomes in children with facial differences. He is co-founder of Intelligent Medical Illuminations (iMi), a company developing spatial augmented reality technology to provide real-time surgical guidance, accelerating global training and building plastic surgery capacity worldwide. He is honored to be joining The PSF Visiting Professor community and looks forward to meaningful exchanges with colleagues and trainees across the country.