Our apartment is full of naked women. Paintings, sculptures, bronzes. As an undergrad, I was an art history major. My husband is a plastic surgeon. We both have a deep appreciation for the female form.

I guess that passion has had an effect on me. I do, in a way, look on my patients’ bodies as works of art. I do a lot of lecturing, and the main theme today is less and less invasive therapies, which I have been fortunate to help pioneer. Less invasive means less disfiguring.

I love it when a lumpectomy patient a year later can’t find her scars. Or when a mastectomy patient goes for a mammogram and the radiology tech starts to x-ray the reconstructed breast, because it looks so natural.

— Dr. Rache Simmons
Breast Cancer Surgeon

Rache is an innovator in academic breast cancer research. She is developing advanced methods for less invasive treatment of breast cancer.