

## Faculty Bio



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Rita Nanda, MD, is the director of Breast Oncology at the University of Chicago. She earned her undergraduate degree in chemical engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and her medical degree from the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine. She subsequently completed her residency in internal medicine and her fellowship in hematology/oncology at the University of Chicago.

Dr. Nanda has authored numerous scientific publications and book chapters, including one of the first reports of immune checkpoint inhibitor therapy for triple-negative breast cancer. She is a member of the Breast Immuno-Oncology (BIO) Taskforce of the National Cancer Institute (NCI) Breast Cancer Steering Committee (BCSC) and serves as a principal investigator for the Translational Breast Cancer Research Consortium (TBCRC) and the ISPY2 Clinical Trial Network. She is currently co-chair of the ISPY2 Safety Working Group and of the TBCRC Triple-Negative Working Group, and is a member of the American Society of Clinical Oncology, the American Association of Cancer Research, the Society for Immunotherapy of Cancer, and the European Society of Medical Oncology.

Dr. Nanda's research interests include identifying novel treatments for the management of breast cancer, particularly triple-negative disease. Her research has been funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the Department of Defense Breast Cancer Research Program, the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation, the Susan G. Komen Foundation, the Metastatic Breast Cancer Network, and the Breast Cancer Research Foundation. She was awarded the 2014 NCI Cancer Clinical Investigator Team Leadership Award, and the 2023 Paragon Award from the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation.