



**Physician**

**Specialties:**

**Breast Surgery**

**Board Certifications:**

General Surgery

**Texas Breast**

**Specialists-Baylor**

**Charles A. Sammons**

**Cancer Center**

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**Metro Area: Dallas**

**Spoken Languages:**

English, Vietnamese

**Education**

Dr. Dao completed her general surgery training and fellowship in breast surgery at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas. She is currently the Program Director for the surgical breast fellowship at Baylor University Medical Center. She graduated in the top quarter of her medical school class at Texas A&M University, College of Medicine.

Dr. Dao uses her background in psychology and cell biology to address complex problems in breast cancer surgery. She enjoys spending time with her patients to help them understand their disease and using her expertise to guide them. Her philosophy is “treat the *whole* patient” with a personalized and integrative approach. Her goal is to listen and work to address each patient’s concerns. She collaborates with patients to develop treatment plans that optimize physical, mental, and emotional health.

**Surgery Locations**

- Baylor Scott and White Medical Center  
Dallas
- Baylor Medical Center at Uptown

**Research Interest**

Dr. Dao participates in clinical trials and research to bring new advances to the field of breast oncology. She received the Ralph Tompsett Writing Award and John Halverson Young Investigator Award for her research.

**Medical Practice**

With more than 15 years of surgical experience, Dr. Dao’s technique specializes in using hidden scar and oncoplastic surgical procedures to restore the natural breast and minimize the cosmetic defect of the tumor removal.

**Other Information**

Dr. Dao grew up in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area and briefly left Texas to attend college at UC Berkeley (Go Bears!). She returned home to be close to her family. In her free time, she enjoys skiing, hiking, and spending beach vacations with her husband and two children.

**Office & Outpatient**

- Abscess Drainage
- Breast MRI
- Breast Sonography and Ultrasound
- Cyst Aspiration
- L-DEX Lymphedema Assessment and Measurement
- Mediport Removal
- Partial Breast Radiation Catheter Insertion (SAVI, Contura, Mammosite)
- Skin Biopsies
- Stereotactic Needle Biopsies
- Needle Biopsy of Breast Lesions - MRI Guided Biopsy
- Needle Biopsy of Breast Lesions - US Guided

**Surgical Procedures**

- Axillary Lymph Node Dissection
- Excision of Chest Wall Tumors
- Excisional Breast Biopsy
- Hidden Scar Lumpectomy & Mastectomy
- Lumpectomy - Partial Mastectomy - Quadrantectomy
- Mediport Placement
- Nipple Duct Excision
- Nipple Sparing Mastectomy
- Oncoplastic Partial Mastectomy with Contralateral Mastopexy for Symmetry
- Oncoplastic Tissue Rearrangement
- Sentinel Lymph Node Biopsy
- Wire Localization Excisional Biopsy

**Accolades & Memberships**

She is a member of the Dallas County Medical Society and has been recognized with a number of awards including:

- Ralph Tompsett Writing Award, Baylor University Medical Center Proceedings, 2008
- Raleigh Ross Scholar at Texas Surgical Society, 2007
- Best Poster Presentation at American College of Surgeons, North Texas Chapter, 2007
- John Halverson Young Investigator Award, American Society for Bariatric Surgery, 2006
- Outstanding Third Year Resident on Cardiothoracic Service, 2006
- Outstanding Research as a Resident, 2006; Five Star Spirit, 2006
- President’s Undergraduate

#### Accolades & Memberships

- Fellowship, Senior Thesis Research Grant, 1998
- Swan Award, Senior Thesis Research Grant, 1998
  - Psi Chi National Honor Society, 1997
  - Hearst Academic Scholarship, 1996
  - Fellow American College of Surgeons