



## *Welcome to Our Office*

**We** are dedicated to serving all of your plastic surgery needs, both cosmetic and reconstructive. Plastic surgery is unique in that we partner with you to improve your appearance: whether feeling whole after cancer or refreshing your look, we offer state of the art effective treatments and procedures. We value our relationship with you and believe that the best patients are well informed, thus we encourage you to research your options before making any decisions: understand plastic surgery credentialing, compare available techniques in cancer reconstruction, and ask your friends about their experiences. Please view your consultation as an opportunity for us to meet each other and for you to have all your questions answered in a professional, pleasant and confidential manner. Choosing a surgeon is an important decision and we thank you for considering our practice.



### ***Dr. Stephen J Vega***

Originally a California native, Dr. Vega has lived in the Northeast for eighteen years. He completed his undergraduate studies at Amherst College and went to medical school at the University of Pennsylvania on a 21st Century Scholarship. After medical school, he moved to Rochester, New York for plastic surgery residency at the University of Rochester. He expanded his training by completing a microsurgery fellowship, funded in part by the Empire Clinical Research Investigator Grant, for his work in the area of Breast Reconstruction.

After training, Dr. Vega remained on the academic faculty at the University of Rochester where he was dedicated to advancing the field of breast cancer reconstruction. He has expertise in breast reconstruction using microsurgical techniques like the DIEP, SIEA, TUG (gracilis) and TRAM flaps. His work has led to numerous publications in leading medical journals and presentations at national plastic surgery meetings. Dr. Vega is a member of: American Society of Plastic Surgeons (ASPS) & the American Society of Reconstructive Microsurgery (ASRM).

***Chrysa Charno, RPA-C*** is a board certified Physician Assistant who practices along with Dr. Stephen Vega. She is a native of Syracuse, NY who initially studied Physical Therapy at Ithaca College. After becoming exposed to the operating room and diversity of medicine, she decided to pursue the physician assistant profession at Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT). After graduating with Honors in 2003, she has worked in various settings including orthopedics, Internal medicine, and Urgent Care, before coming to Plastic Surgery.

In addition to assisting Dr. Vega's in the operating room and office, she has specialized in non-surgical options for facial rejuvenation including Botox®, Juvederm® and Radiesse®. She is also nationally recognized as the Secretary of the Association of Plastic Surgery Physician Assistants. Chrysa is also currently pursuing a Masters in Business Administration at RIT.

