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With a summa cum laude undergraduate degree from Tufts University, Dr. Rugo received her medical degree from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. She then completed both a residency in internal medicine and fellowship in hematology and oncology at UCSF. Dr. Rugo then capped off her formal education with the completion of a 2-year postdoctoral fellowship in immunology at Stanford University.

An active researcher, Dr. Rugo has published many peer-reviewed papers and given presentations on a variety of breast cancer and supportive care-related topics. She is also an investigator and chair of the Safety Committee for the national multicenter ISPY2 trial, and is the principal investigator of a number of clinical trials. Her research interests include novel therapies for advanced breast cancer, immune modulation to restore chemotherapy sensitivity, evaluation of circulating cells as novel markers of response and resistance to therapy, neoadjuvant therapy, and supportive care. Dr. Rugo is the recipient of a Komen Promise Award, receives funding from the Breast Cancer Research Foundation, the 2010 recipient of the Cancer Care Physician of the Year Award, and is a fellow of the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She is on the Steering Committees for several international clinical trials.