Dr. Melanie Grossman passed away on Tuesday, January 26, 2021 after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

Melanie was born on May 20, 1962. She earned her AB from Princeton University and her MD from New York University. She completed her residency in Dermatology at Columbia University and a fellowship in laser dermatology at Harvard. Melanie was a co-inventor and patent-holder of laser hair removal and was renowned globally as a pioneer of laser science. She opened her private practice in 2001 and used her skills to help people feel their best. In 2017, the American Society for Laser Medicine and Surgery granted her the Ellet Drake award for her outstanding contributions in the use of lasers and laser medicine. The American Society for Laser Medicine and Surgery (ASLMS) recently renamed an award to the Melanie C. Grossman, MD Award for Leadership, Mentorship, and Advocacy for Women in Medical Science to honor her legacy.

Despite all these accomplishments, it was Melanie’s heart of gold that made her most special. Always understanding and supportive, Melanie took the time to get to know her patients, colleagues and friends and was loved by all. She was loved and adored by her family and countless colleagues and friends who cherished her throughout the years. All will miss her warmth, kindness, and sparkling 1000-watt smile.