

SreyRam Kuy (Cambodia)



Born in Cambodia, two year old SreyRam Kuy escaped from the Khmer Rouge but was severely injured during a bombing in a refugee camp in Thailand. She was treated by a Red Cross surgeon, which inspired her to later become the first female Cambodian refugee to work as a surgeon in the United States.

Kuy obtained her B.S. and M.D. degree in Oregon. She graduated with a Master's degree at the Yale School of Medicine in 2009. Dr. Kuy served as Special Advisor to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and also became the first woman appointed as Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Community Care. Dr. Kuy is currently a surgeon at the Michael DeBakey Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Texas. She is also a writer, researcher and healthcare executive.

Dr. Kuy led efforts to decrease surgical mortality and improve healthcare for veterans. As part of her efforts to curb the opioid epidemic, she championed medicaid policies resulting in a 40% reduction in prescriptions among Louisiana medicaid patients. A winner of several awards and Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, she is the author of the textbook *50 Studies Every Surgeon Should Know*.

