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Advanced Radiology



Central Maryland



38 Years in Practice

Practice/National Leadership Activities

- President of the Maryland Radiological Society: I have worked to expand access to radiologic procedures as well as to ensure the quality of care for all patients. I am also involved in our Diversity & Inclusion committee efforts and in planning continuing medical education events.
- Susan G. Komen for the Cure: As a breast cancer survivor and breast imaging radiologist I was inspired to become involved in community service, with the goal of saving lives through promoting screening and expanding access to care. I served as board chair of the Maryland Affiliate from 2009 through 2012. I am currently a member of the Tri-State (Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia) Komen Leadership Council.
- I wrote a book *Defeating Breast Cancer: A Physician's Story of Healing, Martial Arts and Life after my own diagnosis of breast cancer in 2000*. The goal of my book is to ease the path for those diagnosed with breast cancer, providing them with information and a positive perspective about the journey.

Interesting Facts & Hobbies

- I play jazz guitar! A busy schedule of medical school, residency, working, and raising children left little time for the guitar, which I'd played in high school. After many decades, I've picked it up again, starting jazz guitar lessons. While the lessons have been somewhat disrupted by the pandemic, I look forward to getting back to my passion soon.
- I have trained 30 years in martial arts and am a 5th degree black belt. I am currently practicing Tai Chi and Qi Gong, an extension of the martial arts which is focusing and calming, good for overall health and well-being.

Why did you decide to join private practice?

My path to private practice was an evolution. During residency at the University of Texas at Houston, I had a wide variety of experiences with affiliate hospitals in the area. This afforded me the opportunity to see what both academic and private practice settings had to offer. I enjoyed both academia and private practice. The chief resident in the year ahead of me introduced me to the Columbia Medical Plan, an HMO in Maryland, my first job in private practice. I worked with bright, wonderful people, providing patients access to excellent medical care with high quality equipment. Currently at Advanced Radiology in Maryland I appreciate working in a state of the art practice with a team of radiologists who share my vision for providing patients with the best care available. Private practice provides me with the opportunity for direct patient contact and to continuously learn new modalities and techniques as they arise. In addition, the people one works with are extremely important. My practice has been very supportive. In 2000 when I was diagnosed with breast cancer my group was wonderful in providing me support and flexibility while I was undergoing treatment. I prefer the clinical side over research or teaching, as private practice allows me to focus extensively on patient care.

What is your favorite thing about private practice?

My patients. In the course of my practice, I've developed relationships with my patients, strengthened each time they return for follow-up. In the process, I've been privileged to learn about their lives and families, creating a bond beyond the radiologic image. Breast imaging is very rewarding, providing an opportunity to save lives through the early detection of cancer and to guide patients through the journey. It is devotion to patients which inspires me.

If you had to give one piece of advice to trainees considering private practice vs academics what would it be?

Ask yourself "What is most important to you and what are your goals? Do you prefer research, teaching, or patient care? Consider what you value. Both academics and private practice can be equally rewarding, and there are those who thrive in each of these environments. Find your passion and pursue it!