Why did you decide to join the private practice?

I was drawn to the autonomy of private practice as well as the clinical focus. During residency you are entrenched in academia, it’s what you know because it’s where you are. Don’t count private practice out because it’s something you’re not used to! I think it’s important to keep an open mind and think about things like location, proximity to family and what things will make you happy when you are deciding where you will practice. And it’s ok to switch if the path you’ve chosen isn’t right for you!

What is your favorite thing about private practice or about your job in general?

I love many things about radiology. As a radiologist we get the unique perspective of getting to know our patients from the inside out; I get to work as a doctor’s doctor; and as a breast imager I get to work with patients directly every day.

If you had to give one piece of advice to trainees considering radiology what would it be?

Radiology is not quite what you think it is or what you see as a medical student. It can be boring to watch someone else dictate. It’s tough to get a glimpse into the thought process that is going on behind the scenes, but that is the part that is so exciting.