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Pathologic assessment of breast core biopsies: Limitations and Pitfalls

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Improved diagnostic imaging, combined with demand for minimally invasive procedures and ever more bold interventionalists, often leave the diagnostic pathologist with small core biopsies on which to assign life-altering diagnoses. Breast pathology can be particularly treacherous because not only is there potential diagnostic overlap between benign and malignant entities, the element of patient driven care has the added variable of surgical choice in which bilateral mastectomy can be treatment for minimal disease. The discussion herein will focus on benign breast disease and the diagnostic difficulties that can result in misdiagnosis.

Biography

Spruill completed her MD and PhD degree at the Medical University of South Carolina in 2008 followed by anatomic and clinical pathology residency and two years of surgical pathology fellowship, one year with a focus on subspecialty gynecologic pathology. She currently practices pathology at the Medical University of South Carolina with focuses in Breast, Genitourinary and Gynecologic Surgical Pathology.

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